



## Adaline Royce

December 22, 1931 - September 26, 2024

Adaline Miller Royce, 92, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully after a long battle with dementia on September 26, 2024, at Wesley Woods of Newnan. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 70 years, Richard (Dick) Royce, who died in May.

Adaline was born on December 22, 1931, in Savannah, Georgia, the daughter of John Gordon Miller, Jr. and Edith Graham Miller. She grew up on Tybee Island and attended The Pape School (now Savannah Country Day). She made her debut in Savannah and attended Agnes Scott College, receiving her B.A. in English in 1953.

Following graduation, Adaline and Dick married and settled in Athens, Georgia, where Adaline received her MEd degree from the University of Georgia. Adaline taught at the Fowler Drive School in Athens for thirty years and took great pride and joy in educating her students.

Adaline was a longtime member of Athens First United Methodist Church, where she spent many active years on the Altar Guild, UMW, and visiting elderly members in nursing home facilities and those aging at home.

Adaline is survived by her beloved sisters, Camille Minchey and Mary Howle (Robert); son Richard Royce, Jr. (Susan), St. Augustine, FL; daughter Patricia

Chapman (Steven), New York City, and daughter Edith Eldridge (Frank), Newnan, GA; grandchildren Thomas Royce (Gina), Conshohocken, PA, Emily Royce (Steve), Philadelphia, PA, Royce Eldridge (Kristie), Marietta, GA, Eleanor Chapman, New York City, and Harris Eldridge (Cheney), Augusta, GA; and great-grandchildren Thomas, Charles, and Elaine Royce, Cissy and Margaret Adaline Eldridge, Winslow Eldridge, and Scarlett Foss.

The family wishes to thank Insignia and Wesley Woods of Newnan staff for their loving and compassionate care over the past years.

The family will hold a private interment in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Athens First United Methodist Church in Athens, Georgia.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Adaline and Dick were the best neighbors in Beechwood Hills. We always enjoyed singing Christmas carols every year and singing Happy Birthday to Adaline (& her neighbor Annette) too. May our mighty Lord heal your hurt and give you comfort and peace in your season of loss of both parents (or grandparents) so close together. Leslie & Will Smithwick (former Pine Valley Dr. nearby neighbors)

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**Leslie Smithwick** - October 16, 2024 at 06:21 PM

WF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my beloved teacher. She was always one of my favorites and I was privileged to have her two years in a row, though different grades. She challenged us in a good way, and I'll always remember the writing exercises where we had to write for a set amount of time without picking up the pen, the murals we created, and her way of twirling her glasses as she talked and taught. She was an excellent teacher and I always thought she was a classy lady. My sincere condolences and prayers for peace and comfort for her family.

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**Wendy (Bellew) Fletcher-Clements** - October 14, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MH

“ Adeline and Dicky, her husband, remain very close to my heart, always there for the family. My heart reaches out to all the family with love and compassion, remembering my oddest first cousin, Adeline, always with love, Myrtle

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**Myrtle Heery** - October 14, 2024 at 04:37 PM

ML

“ Adaline and I were teachers together at Fowler Drive Elementary and Church members together at Athens First often sitting together. Adaline was always, always for her students and had so much energy to give them all! An amazing teacher and wonderful friend!  
Mary Lynn Lane

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**Mary Lynn Lane** - October 10, 2024 at 04:48 PM

AF

“ I was a student of Mrs. Royce at Fowler for my 4th and 5th grade years. I feel so lucky to have been her student. She was kind and caring, and really pushed all of us to be better humans, not just better students. She did not tolerate meanness or bullying. I have vivid memories of learning fractions, and spelling quizzes, and read-aloud of books. Thank you, Mrs. Royce. My condolences to the family. She made a real difference in my life.

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**Arlene Feddo** - October 10, 2024 at 02:01 PM

RW

“ Mrs Royce was my 4th grade teacher in the '70s. It was a time when she had a split classroom and taught both 4th and 5th graders. She saw potential in me and pushed me to excel. As a result, I was able to go through both the 4th and 5th grades in the same year. I am so grateful for her support and encouragement. I ran into her several years ago in Belk's in Athens. It was a blessing to see her. May God continue to bless your family for generations to come.

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**Ronnie D. Witcher** - October 08, 2024 at 02:27 PM