



Alice Upshaw Burgess

April 22, 1940 - March 15, 2024

Alice Upshaw Burgess, 83, passed away at her home in Moreland on Friday, March 15, 2024 surrounded by her family and friends. She was born in Newnan, Georgia on April 22, 1940 to the late Eugene and Claudis Upshaw, Sr. of Newnan. Alice spent most of her time in Coweta County; however, she lived and worked in Atlanta for a short time before she returned to Newnan and moved to the Moreland Community. After she graduated in 1958 from Newnan High School, she attended Massey Business School. On December 31, 1959, Alice married the love of her life, the late Billy J. Burgess, whom she met at the skating rink in LaGrange, GA. They were married for 54 years.

Alice loved helping others and shared her beautiful smile and kind, encouraging words with everyone. She worked at Newnan High School as Registrar/Secretary and retired from Coweta County School System after 29 years to care for her ailing father. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Moreland for 59 years. As a faithful servant of Christ, she shared her faith with others and served in numerous roles which include: Teacher/Volunteer of Vacation Bible School/Awanas/Sunday School, Women on Missions Secretary, Hostess Committee Member, Ladies Softball Team Member, Choir Member, and Church Secretary. She served her community at the famous Moreland Community July 4th Barbecue for many years, which was co-sponsored by the church. She loved music, and played the piano and sang with a quartet during her younger years. She also taught her grandchildren

Christian songs which they sing to their children today. She utilized her excellent computer skills at her church where she prepared the Weekly Church Bulletin and flyers. Also, she enjoyed making cards for her family and friends with pictures from cherished memories. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and loved spending time with her family on numerous vacations, get togethers and celebrations.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billy J. Burgess, parents Eugene and Claudis Upshaw, Sr., brother Joel (Connie) Upshaw and sister Rose McMichael.

Survivors include her three children, Jeff and (Robin) Burgess, (Jack) and Terri Lassetter, Greg and (Bonnie) Burgess; five grandchildren, Nicholas and (Kara) Burgess, (Andrew) and Lindsey Collins, (Andrew) and Hilary Duke, (Wesley) and Kelly Whisenhunt, Kacey Smith; ten great-grandchildren, Holland Burgess, Amelia Burgess, Brylee Collins, Aspen Collins, Sadie James Collins, Owen Andrew Duke, Oaklynn Alys Duke, Stella Whisenhunt, Crosby Whisenhunt and Bowie Smith; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and her longtime companion Mr. Charles Davis.

On Friday, March 22, 2024, visitation will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m., and memorial service to follow at 4:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Pastor Dr. Daniel Ausbun and Pastor Todd Slade will be officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, 96 Jefferson Street, Newnan.

Flowers are appreciated, or memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Moreland, 2930 Hwy 29 South, Moreland, GA 30259. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Interment

MAR 22 (ET)

Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Alice Upshaw Burgess*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 22, 2024 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a sweet lady.*

Charlene Storey

Charlene Storey - April 03, 2024 at 09:54 AM

MC

“ *I don't recall ever seeing Mrs. Alice without her beautiful smile. She was an amazing lady, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbor, and friend. Her legacy lives on through your love and memories. Greg, Terri, and Jeff, my heart goes out to you in this journey of life and loss. Knowing that Mrs. Alice is a blessed angel watching over her family is a vision that makes me smile.*

Mary Frances Crowe - March 22, 2024 at 08:55 PM

AG

“ *Aunt Alice was a dear, dear person. She and my Uncle Billy were married when I was about 12 years old. She was only 6 years older than I was. I loved her so much.*

Alice Burgess Gore - March 22, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ 233 files added to the album Mema



Hilary Duke - March 21, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ Jeff, Terri and Greg, So very sorry for your loss. Alice was a Very Special Sweet Southern Lady, that will be missed by all that had the Honor to know her and call her my friend. Prayers, Hugs and Lots of Love being sent to all of you and your families at this time.



Love each one of you,
Pat Grubbs

Patricia Thompson Grubbs (Pat) - March 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ Jeff, Terri and Greg, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers, Hugs and Much Love



Patricia Thompson Grubbs (Pat) - March 21, 2024 at 08:17 PM

LH

“ Alice Burgess and I were classmates together at Newnan High School. When I came back to Newnan High School to teach, we reconnected. She was one of my best friends. In our retirements we traveled together. We went to St. George Island, Boston, Cape Cod, Kennebunkport, the Ark, and Israel. She was a wonderful Christian. She had three wonderful children. I will miss her very much. May she Rest In Peace.

Loretta Hamby - March 21, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CB

“ Chuck and Debra Dye and Virginia Burgess purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alice Upshaw Burgess.



Chuck and Debra Dye and Virginia Burgess - March 21, 2024 at 11:57 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet soul.

Neal Shepard - March 20, 2024 at 11:40 AM

WM

“ Our THOUGHTS and PRAYERS are with the family. Ms. Alice rest peacefully, you will definitely be missed, especially on our BUNCO nights. LOVE YOU ❤️



Walter and Earnestine Moss - March 20, 2024 at 11:24 AM

KD

“ *Ms. Alice was often with Terri at Newnan Crossing events. She always greeted us with a kind, heartfelt smile. She was radiant.*

Kelly Duggan - March 20, 2024 at 08:00 AM

GD

“ *George and Karen Duke purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Alice Upshaw Burgess.*



George and Karen Duke - March 20, 2024 at 06:18 AM

LY

“ *Lynn Yeager lit a candle in memory of Alice Upshaw Burgess*



Lynn Yeager - March 19, 2024 at 07:06 PM

DA

“ *Jack & Terri, Sherri and I are praying for your family. We all loved Alice; a wonderful mother.*

Daniel Ausbun - March 18, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CA

“ Catherine Houston Adams lit a candle in memory of Alice Upshaw Burgess



Catherine Houston Adams - March 18, 2024 at 08:49 PM

KW

“ To all the family,
You are in my prayers and thoughts,
Kathi W. Wilson



Kathi W. Wilson - March 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

JW

“ I remember Mrs. Burgess from my days at NHS. She was the sweetest lady who was always willing to help. She'll be missed.

Jennifer Welch - March 18, 2024 at 05:07 PM

GA

“ Gene, Sherry, Tim, Carla, Alan & Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Upshaw Burgess.

Gene, Sherry, Tim, Carla, Alan & Ann - March 18, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Alice Upshaw Burgess.*



March 18, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Jeff and Family: I'm sad to learn of your mother's passing. I remember her and your dad when I was growing up in Moreland. I pray that God will comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

*Ray Craven
Ft. Walton Beach. FL*

Ray Craven - March 18, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ *May she rest in eternal peace. My sincere condolences are sent to the family.*



Geraldine Welch - March 18, 2024 at 10:33 AM