



## Alice Kay Chesnut Shell

October 23, 1946 - July 11, 2020

Alice Kay Chesnut Shell, 73, of Sharpsburg, GA passed away on July 11, 2020. A life-long resident of Coweta County, she was born on October 23, 1946 in Newnan, GA to James Thomas “J.T.” and Helen Chesnut, both of whom preceded her in death.

Kay graduated from Newnan High School in 1964 and attended LaGrange College before marrying Jerrel Mason Shell of Palmetto, GA in 1965. For over fifty-five years nothing could separate the couple aside from Jerrel’s service in Vietnam. Upon his return, they made their home on the Chesnut family farm in Sharpsburg. Kay worked in mortgage banking for many years, retiring from BB&T in 2009.

Kay is survived by her husband Jerrel, her children Melissa Love Shell Turner and husband Jason of Sharpsburg and Spencer Thomas Shell and wife Teresa of Atlanta. She succeeded in spoiling three grandchildren, Henry Allan, Mason McDaniel, and Martha-Kathleen Chesnut Shell who knew her affectionately as “Lovey”.

Kay loved flowers and perfected the art of hosting events, large and small. She felt that the most important thing in life is love and all whom she encountered experienced her unquestioning love for others. The 1964 class of Newnan High School voted Kay “Most Likely to Succeed” and as a wife,

mother, grandmother, friend, and Christian, she spent her entire life doing just that.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 13 at McKoon Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held open air, surrounded by the Glory of God's creation, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14 at the White Oak Presbyterian Church, 2796 Gordon Road, Senoia, GA 30276. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
2796 Gordon Rd  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Our family remembers Kay for opening up her awesome property to the Scouts, for us to have our campout.

*Joel, Linda and Adam Smith*

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**Linda Smith** - July 17, 2020 at 07:38 AM

JC

“ I remember Kay from Newnan High School. I am sorry about her passing.

*John Coshnitzke*

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**John Coshnitzke** - July 16, 2020 at 06:20 PM

LC

“ Randy and I are shocked to read of Kay's passing. I worked with Kay at the bank when I was a young newcomer to Newnan in the early "80's.. She was always so nice and gracious and had that beautiful smile on her face. I remember how she talked about and loved her family and children, who were young at the time. She made an impression on me of the importance of balancing hard work with love of family.

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**LouAnne Connell** - July 16, 2020 at 08:46 AM

KS

“ KIM HUGHIE SINCLAIR lit a candle in memory of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell



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**KIM HUGHIE SINCLAIR** - July 15, 2020 at 09:02 AM

LA

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Kay’s passing. She was a terrific lady. I appreciated spending time with her when my daughter got married at their property. And, like many people she always helped us out with our banking throughout the years. I love this family. Love and prayers to you all.

Liz Alley - July 14, 2020 at 07:33 PM

SE

“ I worked for about 15 years with Kay at the bank. I am so sorry to hear this sad news. She was a very sweet lady.

Susan Jones Edwards - July 14, 2020 at 03:17 PM

BB

“ Bill and I are so saddened to learn of Kay’s passing. She was the sweetest of sweet and always a joy to be with. I have such pleasant memories of our carpooling days when our children were growing up and then Kay was our banker at BB&T. Our love goes out to Jerrel and Melissa and Spencer and their families and pray for God’s blessings of peace during this sad time.

Betty and Bill Banks - July 14, 2020 at 09:19 AM

FN

“ Frank and I are saddened to learn of Kay’s passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. We had many pleasant times together. Frank and Barbara Neely



Frank and Barbara Neely - July 14, 2020 at 01:27 AM

RC

“ Working with Kay at First Citizens Bank and later BB&T was such a joy. She was always smiling and eager to help. Whenever she talked about her husband, children or grandchildren she just glowed. She impacted so many lives during her life, and she will be fondly remembered.

Rachael Cole - July 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM

TF

“ the James Robert Shell Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



the James Robert Shell Family - July 13, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ Having met Kay in high school, I smile when I think of her. My sincere condolences to all those who loved her. Nevelle Owens

Nevelle Owens - July 13, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



July 13, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.*



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July 13, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *I met Kay when we started banking at The Bank Of Coweta. She had that precious smile and always friendly to us every time we saw her.  
She is missed. Prayers to the family and friends.*

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**Kay Cole** - July 13, 2020 at 02:05 AM



“ *I was saddened by the news Kay had passed. Kay helped us be first time home owners in the 80's. More important, Kay and Jerrel were our first landlords back in the day. They took us in as one of their own. In our days on Shack Hunter road we became a part of the family. Great memories and great people.*

*Bill and Lynn* 🙏💙

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**Lynn Cawthorne** - July 13, 2020 at 12:31 AM

BC

“ I was so shocked to see Kay's obituary. I worked with her many years ago at Bank of Coweta and she was a real pleasure to be around and always had a smile. We had many good times together and I loved those years of working with her. My love and prayers go out to her family, whom she loved dearly.  
May God comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

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**Brenda B Clark** - July 12, 2020 at 11:38 PM

WB

“ We were in high school together. She was a real sweet person. Sad Gb

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**William Bynum** - July 12, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



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July 12, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JC

“ Jerry and I are so sorry to hear of Kay's passing. Prayers for the family now and the days ahead.

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**Jerry & Charlotte Crawford** - July 12, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



July 12, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



July 12, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ When Jerrell and Kay were dating, they came over to our house in Jonesboro one Sunday afternoon... I was a teenager and Kay was not much older, so I just adored everything she did. We were all just hanging out when Elvis Presley and JAIL HOUSE ROCK came on the radio.. Jerrel and Kay jumped up and started doing the jitterbug like they were on American Bandstand! I remember thinking I had the absolutely coolest aunt and uncle on the planet!! Will miss Kay and her sweet spirit until we meet again ❤️

Ruth Shell McDaniel - July 12, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MM

“ Kay was the sweetest lady I have ever met. I worked with her at BB&T for many years. She was a true professional. I think everyone in Coweta County went to Kay for a mortgage. We had many laughs together and I always trusted Kay's advice. Her beautiful smile along with her lovely personality will always be with me. She was a wonderful lady.

Mary Miller - July 12, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ Sincere condolences to Kay's family. She was a true southern lady. We shared many rides to N.H.S. and then happy memories at LaGrange College. Our children also were involved in so many activities together. A wonderful family! Jane and Ned Chambless

Jane J Chambless - July 12, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



July 12, 2020 at 07:50 PM

PE

“ Words cannot express the loss we feel from the passing of Kay. The Blue Hair Group will never be the same. Love & prayers to all of you during the days ahead.

George & Peggy

Peggy - July 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.*



July 12, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *What a delightful person Kay was--a gracious Southern lady, but with plenty of spunk. Our sincerest sympathy to the family.--Penny and Johnny Wilson*

**Penny Wilson** - July 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Kay's passing and extend our sincere condolences.*



**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - July 12, 2020 at 06:31 PM



*I knew her when I was growing up and later came in contact with her again after I got married. I thought a lot of her and her mom and dad. A sweet lady. Prayers to the family.*

**Kay Craven Cole** - July 12, 2020 at 06:37 PM

TA

“ Todd and Alysia Altizer purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



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**Todd and Alysia Altizer** - July 12, 2020 at 06:20 PM

AA

“ Heaven gained a true Angel when Ms Kay arrived. I have so many beautiful memories of her and am so thankful to have had her in my life. Ms Kay was an amazing woman, wife and mother, keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Alysia Altizer** - July 12, 2020 at 05:59 PM

RD

“ Ron and Kathy Drew purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Alice Kay Chesnut Shell.



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**Ron and Kathy Drew** - July 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM