



## Anita Headley

December 8, 1938 - January 14, 2022

Anita Louise Stewart Headley, 83, of Newnan, Georgia passed away Friday, January 14, 2022 at Brightmoor Hospice in Griffin, Georgia. She was born December 8, 1938 in LaGrange, Georgia to the late Olin Hearn Stewart and Lily Mae Stone Stewart. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Mae Dean Stewart Johnston and Janell Stewart Shreve.

Anita moved to Almond, Alabama when she was in the third grade and graduated as Valedictorian of her class from Wadley High School in 1957. Her ambition was to become a nurse, and she was awarded a full scholarship to attend Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, from which she graduated in 1960. On April 16, 1961 Anita married William (Bill) Vaughn Headley, and in 2021 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Anita and Bill were blessed with four sons and ten grandchildren. During their early years of marriage, Anita and Bill lived in New York, Michigan, Iowa, and Oklahoma because of Bill's job with Goodrich Building Corporation. Anita was the unpaid field secretary and general helper to Bill during the "traveling" years. Additionally, Anita worked as a Registered Nurse in obstetrics and surgery in various hospitals and doctor's offices in Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, and New York. In 1971 Anita and Bill moved to Newnan, Georgia where Bill started his own construction business, Headley Construction Corporation. After taking accounting classes at West Georgia College, Anita performed the job of Accountant at Headley Construction starting in 1974.

From 1986 to 1997 she managed The Commercial House on Perry Street in Newnan. She also managed Headley Properties for several years.

Service to her church and community was an important part of her life. Anita has been a member of Central Baptist Church since moving to Newnan in the early 1970s. Over her time at Central, she has worked tirelessly in many capacities, including serving as a Sunday School Teacher, a Nursery Worker, a Youth Leader, and a Deacon. Anita was a member of the Chancel Choir as well as scheduling and overseeing Wednesday Night Suppers for several years. Over thirty years ago, she was one of the founders of the Feeding Our Friends ministry at Central Baptist Church, which prepares and delivers over 150 meals each week to people in need. In addition to Anita's church activities, she was involved in multiple community organizations during her lifetime: She was a Den Mother and adult instructor for the Boy Scout troop; she was an active member of the local Republican party and served as editor of the Newsletter and as Treasurer; she was a charter member of the American Business Women of Coweta County and the Coweta County Tourism Board; she was a member of the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Newnan; she was a sustaining member of the Newnan Junior Service League; and she was a member of the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society Board and the Newnan Carnegie Library Foundation.

The funeral is on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 1:00 o'clock at Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, Georgia, with Dr. Joel Richardson and Rev. Matt Sapp officiating. A reception will be held in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall following the funeral service. Rather than flowers, the family requests any memorial contributions be given to the Feeding Our Friends Ministry at Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include husband, William (Bill) Vaughn Headley of Newnan; sons,

Dr. William Headley, Jr. and wife Keri of Jesup, Mitchell Headley and wife Margaret of Newnan, Matthew Headley and wife Amy of Newnan, and Lucas Headley and wife Beth of Newnan; grandchildren, William Headley, III, Andrew Headley, and Robert Headley of Jesup, Madison Headley, Mary Beth Headley, and Mason Headley of Newnan, Megan Headley of Newburgh, IN, Caroline Headley of Newnan, Harris Headley and Grace Headley of Newnan.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)  
McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221  
Newnan, GA 30264

## Visitation

JAN 17. 1:45 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221  
Newnan, GA 30264

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Anita Headley*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 17, 2022 at 02:21 PM

EG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Anita's death. She was a bright spot at Homecoming at Almond Church in May every year. Her presence and beautiful smile will be missed! Condolences to Bill and to the rest of the family. Best regards, Emily Erwin Gaskill and Bob Gaskill, Brentwood, TN*

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**Emily Gaskill** - January 19, 2022 at 05:51 PM



Cynthia Peterson

“ *Dear Headley Family,*

*So many great memories of knowing you, first in New York as members of Westchester Baptist Church, then later when you hosted Ellen and I during our Fall break at Mars Hill, and later hosting me for Thanksgiving because going home would have been too far. And of course, those times when the entire Peterson clan spent time at your home in Newnan - especially when we all went to the Peach Bowl in 1979. You were always wonderful hosts that made us comfortable and at home.*

*Anita was always so much fun. That's what I'll remember most - her smile and how down-to-earth she was.*

*My prayers are with your family. Much love,*

*Cynthia Peterson*

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**Cynthia Peterson** - January 18, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**McKoon Funeral Home** - January 17, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.*



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January 17, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Anita will be missed. She was such a strong woman and I have so many fond memories of her.*

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**Louann Bernstone** - January 17, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Nita's death. We have had very little contact in recent years but she was one of my best friends growing up as well as a favorite cousin. I am praying for you Bill and for your family. Rebecca Stewart Karch*

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**Rebecca Karch** - January 17, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bill, I am so sorry for the loss of Anita. She was always very welcoming to me and my family. She will be greatly missed. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do let us know.*

*The Brian Watts family*

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**Brian Watts** - January 17, 2022 at 10:17 AM

AW

“ To the Headley family,

*I'm sorry to hear of Anita's passing! I remember seeing her around Newnan and her attendance at many of our school functions in support of Megan and Caroline. She will be missed!*

*Sincerely,  
Alex Williams*

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**Alex Williams** - January 16, 2022 at 10:18 PM

TW

“ Bill, I am so very sorry for the loss of Anita. I know that she meant the world to you. Both of you were always so kind and welcoming to me the times I attended the Taylor reunion. We are praying for you and your family during this time. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. We love you!

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**Troy Watts** - January 16, 2022 at 09:26 PM

BC

“ Anita was a very sweet lady and always seemed happy. I remember sitting near her at some concerts at the Donald Nixon Center and how much she enjoyed them. She will be missed by the entire town of Newnan. The Headley Family has meant so much to our town and Anita was a big part of all that they did. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family. May God make His presence known to you each and every day.

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**Brenda B Clark** - January 16, 2022 at 08:58 PM

NW

“ *What i remember about Anita is her sweet smile I knew her when she and Bill were dating and even attended their wedding. She has always been so geuine. Always the same every time You see her. Very friendly, always so welcoming. I am in shock because I did not know she was so sick,*

*My heart is so overwhelmed with sadness, I can't image our family reunions without her*

*Bill, just know how much you two are loved by my family. You are in our prayers*

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**Nina Jean Taylor Watts** - January 16, 2022 at 08:35 PM

AN

*Billy Vaughn, Dr Bill & Keri, Mitch & Margaret, Matthew & Amy, and Luke & Beth, I am so very sorry for your loss. Anita and Billy Vaughn have played a very important role in my mothers life and I am so appreciative of that. I appreciate Anita's straightforward manner and competitiveness at Rook! Words obviously cannot do justice to everything there is to say. I appreciate the thorough obituary because there were things I didn't know about her early life. I wish I could be there today, and am very glad my mother could make it. I love you all, and we will grieve our losses together. She led a full life and touched the world in so many ways. I hope you will find peace.*

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**Amy Nail** - January 17, 2022 at 10:05 AM

SW

“ *Bill,*

*Just want you to know I am thinking of you during the loss of Anita. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Please let me know if there is anything you need.*

*Love,*

*Steven Watts*

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**Steven Watts** - January 16, 2022 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ One of my all time favorite friends. I love Anita and Bill. jerry hall

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**jerry hall** - January 16, 2022 at 03:57 PM

RW

“ Dear Mr. Headley and family,  
When I saw this on Facebook it broke my heart. I have so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Headley and my years of working at Headley Construction. From working at The Commercial House with her to putting “mail” in ASH’s inbox.

I pray that God will wrap his arms around you all and give you peace during the coming days and months. Lots and lots of love to you all.

Ruth Jones Warren

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**Ruth Warren** - January 16, 2022 at 02:58 PM

CJ

“ Dear Bill so very sorry deepest condolences my friend....Ronald Pinson

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**carol jordan** - January 16, 2022 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ I knew Anita Headley as “Aunt Nita”. She once told me that I had a phenomenal memory. So... here goes. When I was a little girl visiting Grandma Lily Mae in Wadley, Georgia, I used to wander around that little, old house and “study” all of the quirky details. There was a shiplap walled room in the back with a portrait of the meanest looking woman you ever would see! I can’t remember who Grandma said that was, but in the dining room was a portrait of the most beautiful woman I thought I’d ever seen. That was Aunt Nita’s nursing portrait with her white cap and uniform. I always loved it! One day, after I was grown and married, Grandma— not one to dole out many compliments, lest you lose your humility, told me that I reminded her of Aunt Nita! She said that I was always put together and cared about my appearance. She urged me not to ever lose that. I’ll never forget that and I’ll never forget you, Aunt Nita! You were a light in our family who passed that torch to many of us. (Oh, yeah...I was at the Braves game one time and saw Aunt Nita and Uncle Bill kiss on the “Kiss Cam”—priceless!)

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Janet Baggett - January 16, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.



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January 16, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.*



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January 16, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Bill, sorry to hear about Anita, will miss her at the reunions. Praying for you and the family.*

*George and Wilma Stone*

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**George Stone** - January 15, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *My love and sympathy to Bill and all the family for the loss of Anita. My thoughts have been sent in a note to home, and words are never adequate at a time like this.*

*May you know the peace that passes understanding now and in the days to come.*

*Anita will live on in your hearts and a day will come when "joy comes in the morning."*

*Blessings, Menlia*

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**Menlia Trammell** - January 15, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DP

“ Bill, Bill, Jr., Mitch, Matt, and Luke, I am so sorry. I loved her like a sister and regret not being able to see her in recent years. She meant so much to all of my family and we have such wonderful memories of time spent with all of you in New York and Georgia. I do know what all of you are feeling as we lost Wayne a year ago this month. May God wrap His arms around each of you for comfort and lift you up with His love. God bless you and keep you.

*D'Alva Peterson  
Crosby, TX*

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**D'Alva Peterson** - January 15, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.



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January 15, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.



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January 15, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.*



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January 15, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Headley.*



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January 15, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sending prayers for peace and wonderful memories to Anita's entire family. Another great southern lady has left us but I am sure she will be good entertainment in heaven!! She was a great, caring person and everyone who knew her, will miss her. Take care of yourself Mr. Bill. Pam Clemons*



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**Pam Clemons** - January 15, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on Anita's passing. I will be thinking of you all at this difficult time.*



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**Geraldine Welch** - January 15, 2022 at 07:44 AM

SA

“ You are all in our prayers. We love you -Headley family. Anita was a mother to the whole Taylor family. She could play Rook with the best of the family! She was an amazing woman who has positively influenced me and so many. Her life has reflected God’s light to our family and the community in a bright and lasting way. ❤️

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**Susan Taylor Alberti** - January 15, 2022 at 03:58 AM

JW

“ Mr. Bill, Matt, and family,

*I am so saddened to hear about Anita. Through Jeff's friendship with Matt and then seeing her on my visits to Central Baptist it seems that I've known her my entire life. At many lunches at Redneck I would see her and she would come by my table to see how I've been, always with her hand on my shoulder while we talked. I'll miss seeing her. Know that your family is in my prayers.*

*James*

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**James Williams** - January 15, 2022 at 03:22 AM

PR

“ *Diamonds are a girl's best friend. Anita was my diamond shining bright. I love you and miss you always. You left behind a magnificent legacy. May your memory be for a blessing 🙏🙏.*

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**Phyllis Rockmacher** - January 15, 2022 at 12:17 AM

ER

“*And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." It is written! May the Holy promises of our King of kings and Lord of lords bring your family comfort & peace until you are reunited with Anita in the glorious everlasting.*



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**Emily Ray** - January 14, 2022 at 11:11 PM