



## Ann Ellen Coffey

May 19, 1932 - June 7, 2025

Ann Ellen Coffey (née Day) passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 7th, with her much beloved son Robert by her side. Ann leaves behind nearly a century of wisdom, her love of God, family, and church, willingness to help anyone, and fantastic cooking.

Born in Passaic, New Jersey, on May 19th, 1932, as the only child of Robert and Mary Day (née Antonek), Ann spent her early childhood growing up in Nutley, New Jersey, next to the famous Nichols Park, where she cultivated a love of ice skating across the duck pond. It was on the Jersey Shore where she met and later married her love John Coffey, a U.S. Navy veteran who served in "Lighter than Air" on Air Ships and also served on the staff at Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic Fleet as one of four-star Admiral's Yeoman.

Ann attended Mountainside Nursing School, where she earned her RN license in 1952. Following her graduation and to be closer to her new husband, John, she took on a role at a hospital in Brunswick, Georgia (her southern claim to fame) and found a true passion for the delicacy of working in an operating room, where she spent the better part of her 40-year career. She never lost the sass and quick turnabout when handling doctors and other young nurses, even these 70+ years later.

After John's service in Georgia was complete, he and Ann moved back to Nutley, New Jersey, after a quick stop in Norfolk, Virginia, where they would eventually adopt their two young sons. John and Ann would live in Nutley for

the rest of their lives (54 years married), dedicated to their small town and their Church, where John served as a Deacon and Alcohol and Drug counselor, and cared for their children and eventual grandchildren. After living alone in her ancestral family home became too cumbersome, Ann moved to Georgia to be closer to her son Robert and his family, where she lived until her death.

Ann enjoyed listening to music, particularly Luciano Pavarotti, gardening her lush landscapes, drawing, knitting, and doing puzzles. She was a founding member of the Puzzle Club at Westhill Senior Living Facility, a legacy that will remain entombed on a plaque in the lounge.

Ann is survived by her son Robert and his late wife Jane; Son Joseph Coffey and his wife Diane; granddaughter Charlotte Coffey and her husband Justin Hale; grandson Jack Coffey and his wife Nicole; granddaughter Danielle Coffey; grandson Brandon and Anna Coffey; and her great-granddaughters, Myla, Athena, and (soon to be) Sophie Jane Coffey.

Funeral Services will be held at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263, on June 18th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel, with visitation from 1:30 PM until the service. Ann will be laid to rest with a graveside service at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Montclair, New Jersey on June 25th at 11 am, where she will be reunited with her late husband John, mother Mary, Father Robert, and Aunt Stella and Uncle Frank.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to any of the following organizations:

American Cancer Society <https://www.cancer.org/>

Arthritis Foundation <https://www.arthritis.org/>

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Immaculate Conception Cemetery

30 N Fullerton Ave  
Montclair, NJ 07042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Ann Ellen Coffey*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM

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*MHAA (Mountainside Hospital Alumnae Association) has just learned of the recent death of Class of 1953, Ann Day Coffey on June 7, 2025. Ann and I had some notes back and forth as I grew up not far from Ann's home on Lake Street near Nichols Park. My childhood home was 59 N. Spring Garden Ave, Nutley which was a short walk to Lake Street. May the good memories you have of your mother and grandmother help sustain you all at this time. We will be sharing the news of Ann's passing in the next newsletter. In sympathy, Nola Hough Sarama, 1969, Secretary of MHAA*

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**Nola Hough Sarama** - July 21, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ann Ellen Coffey*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 18, 2025 at 11:04 AM

KA

“ Ann was friends with my Mother, Anita Lowe, who resides at West Hill. She was an intelligent and sweet woman. She acted gracefully and classy at all times. Their table was named the Golden Girls table. It was a fun place to laugh and socialize. Ann would smile and look at us and say, here I am a New Jersey transplant, living in Georgia - eating grits, okra and cornbread. In my opinion, she lived a darn good Southern gal's life. We will miss you Ann. Much comfort to her family.



Kathy - June 12, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ My mother became friends with Ann at West Hill and shared the fondness of putting puzzles together. Ann showed kindness and concern to everyone. What a brilliant lady ❤️ Lynn Blackburn

Lynn Blackburn - June 12, 2025 at 10:22 AM

EB

“ Mrs Coffey or just “Coffey” as many people called was my orientation & training nurse in the operating room. She taught many of us as new graduates at Clara Maass hospital and made a lifelong operating room nurse of me. Mrs Coffey was knowledgeable, kind and cared deeply for all of us who trained with her. She was also someone who became our friend. She was a wonderful person and thoughts of her bring many happy memories. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted by the impact she had on so many lives.



Eileen Beltramba - June 11, 2025 at 03:47 PM