



Ardis Arline Polson

September 13, 1935 - July 30, 2025

Ardis Arline Polson, 89, of Moreland, Georgia, formerly of Columbus, Nebraska, Passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital on July Thirtieth, Two thousand and Twenty-five. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Chery Polson, Mother Martha Messersmith, brother, Ernie Messersmith, nephew Hal Messersmith, and dear friend and Sister Teslin Mitchell.

Ardis was born in Farnam Nebraska to Albert Hennis Messersmith and Ethel Sinclair. Her brother Melvin (Donna) Messersmith and sister Cleo (Roland) Barthuly were raised by her father, who then married Martha Seckinger bringing Mark and Ernie Messersmith to complete their family of seven. Ardis graduated from Chadrin State College and began teaching art and special education. Her teaching brought her to Alliance, Nebraska where she worked with Helen Polson and best friend, Belle Merrill, who set Hugh and Ardis up on a blind date. Six months later Hugh (Bob) and Ardis were married and celebrated their 68th anniversary on June second, 2025. They had two daughters, and they eventually moved to Columbus Nebraska. Ardis became a substitute teacher working with special needs children and filled her days with Campfire Girls, Bible Studies and raising her family. She was very active in church, donating her time and artistic talents to people in her community whenever she could. Her favorite pastime was watching her "Boys" the Nebraska Cornhusker football team play ball. Ardis was very active as a PEO sister. Ardis gave selflessly to anyone in need. No child around her ever went

without. If she met you, you were family.

She is survived by husband, Hugh Robert Polson, daughter Geralyn Kay Polson and Cindy Adamson, Daughter Nikki McLean, Cliff Mitchell, Veron, Randy and Richard Mitchell. Daughter, Julie Showalter and Jonathan, special friend and daughter Rita Samuelson and family. Her Brothers Melvin and Donna Messersmith, Mark Messersmith, Sister Cleo and Roland Barthuly. Five grandchildren, Michael and Cathy Brocki, Shawntel Campbell, Victoria and family, Morgan and Sophie Showalter and many beloved nieces and Nephews, extended families and friends.

The viewing will be held at McKoon funeral Home on 38 Jackson St in Newnan, Georgia at 10:00 on Thursday, August 7th, 2025. The funeral will follow at 11:00 with Rev. Don Daly officiating. Ardis will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, GA following the service. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Ardis Arline Polson*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 07, 2025 at 09:23 AM

ME

“ *Hugh and family — I am very sorry for your loss. I remember our various meetings for the Sertoma Club and always enjoying visiting with you and Ardis. I pray your many good memories and God's strength help you through this difficult time. My sincere sympathy.*

Mike Evans - August 08, 2025 at 07:12 PM

KT

“ *I was a Campfire Girl and have wonderful memories of Ardis, Hugh, Cheryl & Geri. The meetings in their home were fun and impactful. Ardis had a lasting impact on my life and I am so thankful her. You are in my prayers now and in the coming days.*

Kim Nelson Tobiason - August 07, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RF

“ *Our Crestwood family was saddened to see Ardis passing. Many memories of a lifetime as families grew up together. Sending caring thoughts to the family. Rae, Dave, Scott, Shelley, Holly*

Rae & David Fulton - August 07, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MB

“ I have very fond memories of Aunt Ardis. I always looked forward stopping at her house on my way to and way back home from my grandparents. We could never stay long enough and I never wanted to leave. Aunt Ardis had a way of making us feel very welcome. She always had games for us to play and activities planned. She even allowed my brother and I to go on one of her Campfire Girls camping trips. (Imagine two boys with all those girls!) She did a great job helping us fit in. I will always remember her smile, twinkle in her eye, and brief little chuckle when she was teasing or telling us a story. These little things are a lasting memory she leaves with me and I am sure many others feel the same way. Matt (and Teresa) Barthuly

Matt Barthuly - August 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

BN

“ Wishing you love and support from your NSC Tyrone Family



Brenda Nelson - August 06, 2025 at 11:14 AM

NT

“ NSC and Tyrone Team purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ardis Arline Polson.



NSC and Tyrone Team - August 06, 2025 at 11:08 AM