



## June Connally Rutledge

September 5, 1937 - May 10, 2026

Mrs. Barbara June Connally Rutledge of Newnan passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at The Haven. A devoted mother, cherished friend, loving teacher, and faithful servant, Mrs. Rutledge's life was marked by her helpful spirit and unwavering dedication to her family, church, and teaching career.

Mrs. Rutledge was born September 5, 1937, in Griffin, Georgia, to the late Harper Glen Connally and Odessa Colquitt Connally. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Glen Connally III; her sister, Jan Nash; her first husband, Arthur Burt Rutledge; her late husband, James Pope Duncan, Sr.; and her grandson, Arthur Brandon Rutledge.

Mrs. Rutledge grew up in Newnan and graduated from Newnan High School in 1955. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959 from Agnes Scott College.

She married Arthur Burt Rutledge in 1961 when they moved to the University of Texas in Austin, where he received his law degree while she taught school in a one-room schoolhouse. Later they returned home to Newnan where they reared their three sons and continued their careers.

Heartbroken over the death of Mr. Rutledge in 1970, Mrs. Rutledge lovingly embraced her future with her three small sons vowing to give her best to their upbringing, all with the help of her strong faith in God and personal resolve. She would be the first to tell you that she had plenty of help from family and friends for whom she was always grateful.

Mrs. Rutledge continued teaching school and pursued further degrees at West Georgia College receiving a Master of Education degree in 1976 and an Education Specialist degree in administration and supervision in 1987.

Working with children and teachers was one of the greatest joys of her life. She was Coweta County Teacher of the Year and Georgia Teacher of the year runner-up in 1976. With thirty-two years in education, most of the years were spent in the classroom which she dearly loved. The last few years were spent as Lead Teacher and coordinating elementary and middle school curriculum while working with teachers, another job which brought much satisfaction. Upon retirement in 1993, there was time for travel with friends, visits with family, always being happily involved with her grandchildren as they grew. Mrs. Rutledge was an active member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years, led G.A's, and organized Seniors on Mission to Shut-ins of the church, taking them weekly meals. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Rutledge Center; was a member of the Newnan Reading Circle; and Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional teachers' organization.

Mrs. Rutledge married her second husband, James Pope "Jimmy" Duncan Sr., October 21, 2005. What a blessing it was to spend their "golden years" together.

Mrs. Rutledge is survived by her three sons: Arthur Bradley Rutledge, Sr. (Joan) of Jasper, GA., Alan Connally Rutledge (Margarita) of Newnan and Richard Sharber Rutledge (Shirley) of Taylorsville, GA. Her seven grandchildren are Brad Rutledge, Jr. of Acworth, GA., Brooke Rutledge Smith (Spencer) of Columbia, SC., Kirsten O'Neal of Newnan, Jared Rutledge of Rome, GA., James "Jed" Rutledge and Sydney Rutledge of Newnan; Katie Rutledge Hardy (Brett) of Taylorsville, GA.; and several great-grandchildren. Other survivors include a sister, Kay Manning of Arlington, TX; a brother, Walker Connally of Newnan; a sister-in-law, Elaine Ables (Cliff) of Sebring, FL; and a brother-in-law, David Rutledge (Carolyn) of Clarkston, GA. Mrs. Rutledge's memory will be lovingly cherished by many more nieces, nephews,

cousins, stepchildren, step-grandchildren, and friends who were fortunate enough to know her. She leaves behind an indelible mark of kindness, devotion, and quiet strength.

The Memorial Service is on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Historic Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Newnan, with Pastor Joel Engle officiating. Visitation is at 11:00 with the service beginning at noon. The family respectfully requests that, in place of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to First Baptist Newnan, 15 West Washington, Newnan, 30263; or to Rutledge Center Inc., 61 Hospital Rd., Newnan, 30263.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan Historic Sanctuary  
15 West Washington St  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

MAY 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Bradley, I am so sorry to hear of Ms. June's passing. I have so many fond memories of her while we were all growing up together. She was so dear to me - always encouraging me, at church and at school. My mom and dad loved her, and she was a good friend to them. We will all miss her gentle and kind ways. My thoughts are with you as you remember and mourn her passing. Much love, Ruth Sprayberry DuCharme

Ruth Sprayberry DuCharme - 44 minutes ago

GW

“ How sad I was to read of the passing of longtime friend June Rutledge. I knew her as my children's mother and as their wonderful teacher. I knew her as a true friend and a supporter of the Rutledge Center where she gave years of service. It is difficult to put into words what an outstanding person she was. I always said that she was an “angel on earth.” May she rest in eternal peace as her work on earth is done.



Geraldine Welch - 1 hour ago

JW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Miss June's passing. She was such a sweet lady and an amazing teacher. Thinking of you all in these difficult days.

Jennifer Welch - 1 hour ago

JW

“ *John And Lorie Wooten lit a candle in memory of June Connally Rutledge*



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**John and Lorie Wooten** - 1 hour ago

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss Bradley. I have very fond memories of having Ms. June as a teacher.*



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**Susan H Lambert** - 2 hours ago

JW

“ *Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of June Connally Rutledge*



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**Joy Williams** - 2 hours ago

JK

“ *Ms. June & Mr. Jimmy were some of the very first people we met when we first arrived at FBCN. Our entire family quickly learned to loved them both. She was truly beautiful inside and out, one of the most precious women I've ever known. What an amazing mentor she was to me and others! I am a better person for knowing her! Prayers for family and friends that she's left behind.*

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**Juanita Killingsworth** - 3 hours ago

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“ *I will remember June fondly always. I am thinking of you all during this difficult time.* ”

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**Nevelle Owens** - 3 hours ago