



Brenda Strickland Covington

August 10, 1946 - October 18, 2025

Brenda Strickland Covington, age 79, of Newnan, GA, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 17, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. She was under the compassionate care of hospice at Corinth Road Personal Care Home.

Brenda was born on August 10, 1946, in Bulloch County, GA, to John Evers (J.E.) Strickland and Nell Hagan Strickland. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Gerald Strickland and Daniel Strickland, and her infant sister, Barbara.

She is survived by her sister, Linda Strickland Tillinger; sisters-in-law, Edna Strickland and Myrna Strickland; her beloved husband of 56 years, James Thomas "Tom" Covington; their daughter, Ellie Love Covington of Savannah, GA; and their son, Russell Thomas Covington (Allison Handley) of Newnan, GA. She was a devoted and proud "Grammy" to Maelyn Love (9), James Evers (8), and Brenley Grace (4).

Brenda grew up on a farm in Bulloch County, surrounded by a large and loving extended family. Raised in the Primitive Baptist Church, her life was shaped by the values of faith, hard work, and community. After graduating from Southeast Bulloch High School in 1964, she moved to Savannah and worked in various roles, including at Georgia Regional Hospital.

In 1977, Brenda and Tom made Newnan their home, where Brenda embraced her greatest joy-being a full-time mom. The family joined White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, where she was an active and cherished

member. Later, she returned to the workforce and eventually retired from Coweta County Public Buildings.

Brenda loved cooking and feeding everyone who came through her door. She enjoyed square dancing, riding motorcycles, and sharing laughter with her many friends. She was the faithful heart of her family and circle of friends-a devoted wife, daughter, sister, aunt, mom, and loyal companion. She proudly held the title of Queen Mother Possum in a special group of lifelong friends, and her quick wit, sarcasm, bravery, and deep sensitivity were hallmarks of her vibrant personality. Her motto was: Never give up.

In 2010, following the discovery and removal of a large brain tumor, Brenda faced an uphill health journey. Despite the challenges-including being wheelchair- and later bed-bound-she met each day with stubborn resilience, an unshakable will to live, and her unmistakable sense of humor. Her strength in the face of adversity was a testament to her spirit and faith.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 25 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM, followed by the service at 2:00 PM.

Brenda wished to be cremated and in lieu of flowers donations to March of Dimes. May we remember her strength, her laughter, and her love-a legacy that lives on in all who knew her.

Condolences may also be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & 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

Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 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 Tribute Video in memory of Brenda Strickland Covington*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 25, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BT

“ *Ben, Jodi, Ali and AJ Tillinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Strickland Covington.*

Ben, Jodi, Ali and AJ Tillinger - October 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BT

“ *Ben, Jodi, Ali and AJ Tillinger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.*



Ben, Jodi, Ali and AJ Tillinger - October 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

SC

“ 8 files added to the album Brenda



Sam Connor - October 24, 2025 at 10:59 PM

AA

“ Alice Alford purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.



Alice Alford - October 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

AA

“ Alice Alford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Strickland Covington.

Alice Alford - October 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

DR

“ *Deb and Raynette purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.*



Deb and Raynette - October 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AK

“ *Mr. Tom, Ellie, Russell and Allison. Sending you prayers of comfort. Mrs. Brenda was very kind lady. It was an honor to have met her.*

April C Kendzierski - October 23, 2025 at 04:27 PM

ST

“ *To Ellie and Russell: My thoughts and prayers are with each of you, and also your father. I fondly remember your mother and her total support of you and the school activities I sponsored. Sincerely, Sherry Taylor*

Sherry Leigh Taylor - October 23, 2025 at 12:12 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Strickland Covington.*

Marilyn Johnson - October 22, 2025 at 08:12 AM

MJ

“ Marilyn Johnson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.



Marilyn Johnson - October 22, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.



October 21, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BA

“ Dear Tom, Ellie and Russell
I was a volunteer with Sacred Journey Hospice when I met Brenda, a few years ago, while she was staying at Corinth. We always had such a good time and my goal was always to make her laugh which I accomplished most of the time!! She truly was like a sister to me and I will miss her, but I know she is at peace now which is comforting to me. My thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.
Love, Barbara

Barbara - October 20, 2025 at 08:54 AM

CA

“ *Cathy Adams lit a candle in memory of Brenda Strickland Covington*



Cathy Adams - October 19, 2025 at 01:48 PM

CF

“ *Cindie Jo Fowler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brenda Strickland Covington.*

Cindie Jo Fowler - October 18, 2025 at 01:29 PM

CF

“ *Cindie Jo Fowler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Strickland Covington.*



Cindie Jo Fowler - October 18, 2025 at 01:29 PM