



## Debora Ann Brown

November 15, 1954 - February 25, 2016

Debora Ann Thomas Brown (1954-2016) of Grantville, Georgia, returned home into the loving arms of her Father in Heaven on February 25, 2016. The oldest of six children, she was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Claude Ray and Bonnie Davis Thomas. Her early years were spent in Gridley, California, and American Fork, Utah, where she made many dear friends and many wonderful memories. She attended UTC (now Utah Valley University) where she earned her nursing degree and went on to bless countless lives through her loving and compassionate service in her chosen profession which included over forty years as a newborn nursery nurse and a public health nurse at the Coweta County Health Department.

Debbie married Don Welman Brown on March 24, 1976 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. He was the love of her life. Together they brought five beautiful children into the world who blessed their lives with so much joy. Nothing, however, made her happier than her five darling grandbabies. She loved them dearly.

During their married life, Debbie and Don lived many places: Orem, Utah; Madison, Wisconsin; Las Vegas, Nevada; Southern California; Roswell, Georgia; and for the last fifteen plus years in Grantville, Georgia. Everywhere they went, they touched people's lives for good. Debbie had a happy, loving, caring personality and was never afraid to express her love to others. She never forgot a birthday and never missed a chance to say "I love you." She had a great memory and always loved to share stories of her childhood. She

also loved to read, knit and crochet and freely shared her talents with everyone she met.

Debbie was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served in many capacities including Primary President and counselor in the Stake Young Women's Presidency. She dedicated her life to the service of her fellow man.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Don, and her children: Rebecca Brown of Grantville, Georgia, Ryan Brown (Sarah) of Dothan, Alabama; Erin Janson (Jon) of Senoia, Georgia, Lindsay Kelshaw (Matt) of Carrollton, Georgia; and Jenny Kunkler (Kevin) of Newnan, Georgia. Grandchildren: Catherine and Walker Brown, Riley Janson, Graham Kelshaw, Cooper Kunkler (and two more on the way.) Also, her mother, Bonnie Thomas of Highland, Utah, and siblings: Richard Thomas (Melinda) of Phoenix, Arizona; Nancy Murphy (Dale) of Alpine, Utah; Randal Thomas (Jodee) of Rochester, Minnesota; Robert Thomas (Trina) of Milton, Georgia; and Sally Jensen (Mitch) of American Fork, Utah; brother-in-law Kendall Brown (Margie) of Orem, Utah and sister-in-law Mary Carter (Bruce) of Orem, Utah and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Claude Ray Thomas, father-in-law Clark Kendall Brown, mother-in-law Ellen Walker Brown, grandparents, and other loved ones—all who loved her dearly and were waiting on the other side to embrace her and welcome her home.

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

Visitation will be at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA Tuesday, March 1 from 6 to 8 PM and Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 821 Old Atlanta Highway, Newnan, Ga. McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
821 Old Atlanta Hwy  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Hard to believe Debbie is gone! She was always so sweet and had the kindest of hearts. I had the pleasure of working with her at Coweta County Health Dept. my heart goes out to Don and her wonderful children.*

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**Carol Lowry** - March 03, 2016 at 12:34 AM

CW

“ *Fond memories of the Thomas family moving to Gridley and growing up together. Deb and I would walk from Wilson School to Primary and sometimes stop at a store (Sprouse Reitz?) and she would buy candy, which she would kindly share with me. When we memorized the Articles of Faith, after #13 should would always say "Joseph Smith". When we were about 11 years old she got she got a cute new church outfit which included 'fishnet' stockings - she was always fashionable.*

*Even though we have not kept in touch over the years, I always count this wonderful woman and her family as dear friends and a sweet part of growing up in a small town.*

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**Connie Webb** - March 02, 2016 at 09:16 PM

DS

“ *You are all in my prayers. My the peace of Christ protect and keep you all.*

*With Love,  
Denise Skinner*

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**Denise Skinner** - March 01, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



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March 01, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this! Debbie was a sweet lady. The Singleton's send our love and prayers to your family.*

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**Kerry Singleton** - March 01, 2016 at 04:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



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February 29, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Debbie was such a beautiful, caring, loving person, Mother, and wife. My favorite memory of her was all of us sitting at the Newnan High School baseball field watching Ryan play ball. Her children would come up to her asking for concession money and she would pull money out of every pocket on her nursing clothes. There must have been 10 pockets on that jacket!!!! I often wondered just how many dollar bills she had stuffed away in her pockets for those kids. She will be missed. Delia Jackson*

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**Delia Jackson** - February 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



February 29, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *With Much Love from the Harold & Nola Wilkinson Family purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



**With Much Love from the Harold & Nola Wilkinson Family -**  
February 29, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Michelle Janson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



**Michelle Janson -** February 29, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



February 28, 2016 at 08:07 PM

JA

“ *Janice Ingram, LaGrange Academy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



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**Janice Ingram, LaGrange Academy** - February 28, 2016 at 02:09 PM

KS

“ *Kathy ( Probst) Sanders purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



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**Kathy ( Probst) Sanders** - February 27, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Debora Ann Brown.*



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February 27, 2016 at 05:54 PM

SJ

“ My wonderful sister. I am so grateful that I am your sister. Debb, you were such an example to me of courage, endurance, and compassion for others. You battled through so many things, and did so without complaint. I don't know how I got so lucky to have you as my oldest sister. You taught me so much throughout life. I promise to be there for your kids, even though miles separate us. I will love those little grand babies of yours and never let your memory go. They will know you and love you forever. I love you sweet Debbie. God be with you til we meet again. Give Dad and everyone else a big hug from me.

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**Sally Thomas Jensen** - February 27, 2016 at 04:12 PM

BL

“ So sorry for the loss of Debbie. We have many fond memories of being at Newnan High School Baseball Field watching our sons, Ryan and Brandon playing for the Newnan Cougars. Prayers for her entire family. She will surely be missed!

*Danny & Anitha Blair*

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**blairanith53@gmail.com** - February 27, 2016 at 02:36 PM