



Dona Gwen McEachern

May 1, 1948 - October 30, 2015

Mrs. Dona Gwen Morrison McEachern, 67, passed away at her home in Newnan. Dona was an accomplished artist and art teacher. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and a sustaining member of the Driftwood Garden Club.

Dona was born on May 1, 1948 to Evelyn Pankratz and the late T. L. Morrison in Ashburn, GA. She attended Turner County High School, where she was the 1966 homecoming queen. After graduation she attended LaGrange College and Auburn University, graduating from LaGrange College in 1970 with a B.A. in Fine Arts. She was a profound artist, art teacher, and writer, publishing a book of poems, *Of Northern Lights* in 1977 while in Iceland and wrote a book of children's stories. She was also a member of the Officer's Wives Club on the NATO base while in Iceland from 1971 – 1974. After moving from Iceland to Stone Mountain and then to Newnan in 1978, she pursued her studies in art, taking lessons from Constantin, Ramon, and Marc Chativ, as well as her taking illustration courses at Georgia State University. Several years later she would volunteer her time teaching art lessons at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, and later began teaching art lessons at home until 2006. Many of her classes participated and held award placements in the CVAA (Chattahoochee Valley Art Association) shows. She also taught many students who were awarded art scholarships into college.

She was preceded in death by her father, T.L. Morrison and daughter, Lynn Morrison McEachern.

She is survived by her daughter, Lee McEachern Collins and Robert (Bob) Carl Collins, Sr., Newnan, mother and step-father, Evelyn and Ray Pankratz, Ashburn, grandchildren, Elizabeth Lee (Lilly) Collins and Robert (Bob) Carl Collins, Jr., Newnan, brother, Robley and Ann Morrison, Ashburn, three nephews, Ashburn and an aunt and uncle in Sycamore.

Condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Dona's memory to The Heritage School Art Department, 2093 Highway 29 North, Newnan, GA 30263 or to Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, GA 30263

The memorial service is Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 5:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. The family will greet friends beginning at 4:00 PM. The family interment service is 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashburn, GA.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May these words found in the Bible at Revelation 21:4 bring you hope and comfort at this difficult time. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Mary - November 29, 2015 at 10:37 PM

MM

“ I have known Dona since our time in Iceland and was so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful person and a gifted artist, Though she is gone, the memories will always be with you. God bless you all!

Mary Mitchell - November 18, 2015 at 07:46 PM

VS

“ I want to offer my condolences to the McEachern family. It is a painful thing to loose a love one in death, regardless of how long they have lived, and it pains our Creator, too. He has promised to bring back to life our love one at Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will live. My corpse will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully you residents in the dust!...the earth will let those powerless in death come to life" I hope these words give you comfort.

VScott - November 16, 2015 at 11:17 AM

FB

“ I saw the homecoming photo in the Wiregrass shortly before I saw the news of your loss on Facebook. My Albany friend , your old neighbor, told me where to look online. Would it be possible to exhibit her art work at the library sometime?

Faye Beazly - November 05, 2015 at 09:13 PM

TF

“ *Our condolences to your family. We are so sorry for your loss!*

The Child Family - November 05, 2015 at 02:09 PM

FF

“ *We are praying for all of you during this time of loss.*

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - November 02, 2015 at 09:43 AM

EV

“ *Ms. Dona was an incredible person in so many respects. I learned so much about art and life from her. There are so many stories I have in my heart and mind because of her. She was truly amazing.*

Emily Vickers - November 01, 2015 at 11:03 PM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time. I pray for peace and comfort during the days ahead. Love, Susan (Pankratz) Powell*

Susan Powell - November 01, 2015 at 05:15 PM

LC

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We wish you peace, comfort, and strength in the coming days. Love to all, Bill, Lynn, and Chris*

Lynn & Bill Carper - November 01, 2015 at 12:38 AM