



## Eleanor Smith Modrak

February 14, 1926 - December 15, 2017

No amount of planning for one's life would ever prepare one for the circumstances surrounding Eleanor Modrak's final day on this earth on December 15, 2017. While the tragedy was only for a moment, her being a part of it would speak volumes to the selfless life she lived for 91 years. Her final act in this world was putting her own safety aside and wanting to be sure her beloved grandson was not in harm's way. How fitting for a woman of God who gave her lifetime to loving and caring for others. Eleanor was born in Carroll County, Georgia and was the daughter of Huett and Ruby Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister JoAnn S. Varner. The Smith family moved to Coweta County in 1930. Eleanor graduated from Newnan High School. Love came into Eleanor's life early and she married her sweetheart Cyril Modrak, better known as "Cy". They created a wonderful family farm full of children, animals, gardening and a lot of chickens. Eleanor attended business school in Atlanta. She was the first female to be named as a manager for Woolworth's and managed the Newnan store for many years that was located where the Coweta County Justice Center is now located. She would later operate a day care center to help working mothers and named it Small World Nursery. Oh, how she loved children! Her own or yours, it did not matter whether to whom they belonged. She always had those arms wide open to share her heart full of love. Eleanor's world changed forever after the death of beloved Cy in 1993. She managed to fill up her days with tending to her family farm. She came to be

known as "The Egg Lady". Included, at no charge, with the eggs she sold, would be a listening ear for the latest news, a good story or the latest events in her family. What a wonderful example she was to her children Scotty Scott and wife Lynda of Newnan, David Scott and wife Louise of Newnan, Bruce Modrak and wife Shannon and Sherry Daniel. She was the marvelously doting grandmother to Jeff Scott, Libby Scott Dillard and Andy, Shannon Scott, Kristi Modrak Flinn and Dennis, Kimberly Modrak Garmon and Jeret, Keith Modrak, Felicia and Gary Steves, Melinda and David Wrighter, Billy Joe Hughes. There are countless great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends who were like family. Eleanor Smith Modrak's wonderful and exemplary life will be shared in a visitation for family and friends at McKoon Funeral Home on Thursday, December 21st between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Honor will be paid to her in a service in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home on Friday, December 22nd at 2:00 PM led by Reverend Searcy Jackson. She will be placed beside her beloved Cy at Oak Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Miss Eleanor was a longtime, dear friend of mine. We will miss her very much. Once, we entrusted our beloved chickens to only her when had to give them away. We will forever cherish the memories of sitting and visiting with her at her table in the back room of her home. No one knew the history of Madras quite like Miss Eleanor, it was always very interesting to hear her tell stories of growing up in Madras, GA. Heaven has gained another angel. May God comfort her family and loved ones.*

*Bob and Jenni Blackburn*

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**Bob and Jenni Blackburn** - December 22, 2017 at 04:54 PM

KT

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Eleanor. I got to know her from Woolworth's where my mother, Katie Thompson, managed the lunch counter. They became the dearest of friends, visiting and sharing recipes. She was truly a fine lady and will certainly be missed.*

*Kelvin Thompson*

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**Kelvin Thompson** - December 22, 2017 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ After graduating from college in 1977, I moved back home to Newnan and began searching for a job. I was looking for something that was in my field; however, I grew impatient. I was acquainted with Eleanor Modrak who at the time was the manager at the local Woolworth's. While I waited to find a job with the state of Georgia, Ms. Modrak offered me a job at Woolworth's as a cashier. I was extremely grateful to her for that.

Some years later, I married and had two children. By that time, Ms. Modrak was operating a daycare center right next door to my mother's house. My mother often kept my children, but when she was tearing her hair out, ( not really), they would go next door to Small World. I knew they were in the capable hands of Eleanor Modrak and her staff.

I will miss her quick wit and infectious laugh. I remember once when I had moved back home for a while, my mother had accidentally locked me out of the house while I was taking a bath. The only thing that I had to put on was a cotton housecoat that belonged to her. I was embarrassed but I went next door to the nursery to use their phone, and when Ms. Modrak saw me with dripping wet hair wearing that thin cotton housecoat, she let out a mischievous chuckle and said, " I like your Easter dress." She was a real character. I will always think of her with a smile.

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**Rita Griffies McAfee** - December 22, 2017 at 07:22 AM

DC

“ Great neighbor for some 40 years. She will be missed but not forgotten. Wonderful family. Dave Clemens

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**dave clemens** - December 21, 2017 at 07:34 PM

SD

*“ It was a sad day when Gramma Modrak left us. She was there for 2 of our grandsons in their young years at the daycare she operated at the time. We were glad to see her at the Kroger and at her family yard sales through the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family that will miss her while she waits for all of us. Keep the candle burning for us until then. Stan & Diane Darrow and family.*



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**Stanley Darrow** - December 21, 2017 at 02:25 PM

JK

*“ Libby, You are in my thoughts and prayers today and as you face the days, weeks and months ahead. Keep her fond memories close at hand.*

*Jackie King*

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**Jackie Kin** - December 21, 2017 at 11:11 AM

KB

*“ So sorry for loss of such a wonderful lady, and what a legacy she leaves behind.  
Prayers for peace and comfort to surround you in the days ahead.  
Love you all,  
Kathy Eason Barnett*

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**Kathy Barnett** - December 20, 2017 at 04:18 PM



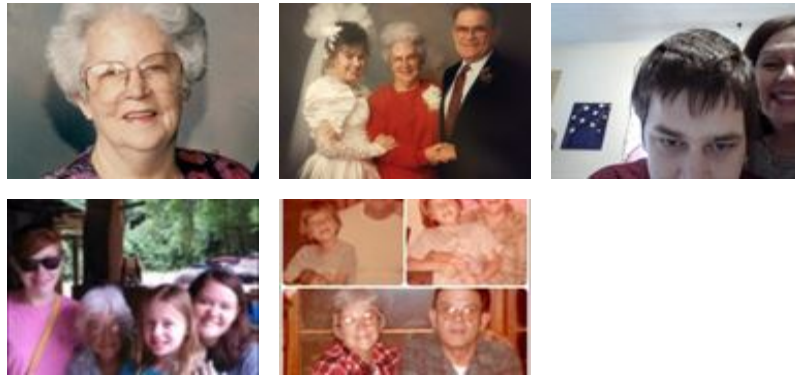
“ Karen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Smith Modrak



Karen Hubbard - December 20, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ Jack Peek's Sales purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Eleanor Smith Modrak.



Jack Peek's Sales - December 20, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanor Smith Modrak.*



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December 20, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Kathi Sumner lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Smith Modrak*



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**Kathi Sumner** - December 20, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS .THOMAS AND PATTY BURNHAM.*



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**THOMAS BURNHAM** - December 20, 2017 at 12:31 AM



“ *Helen and John Flinn send our prayers to the Modrak family and relatives of Mrs. Modrak sorry for the lose of your Mother and Grandmother and Great Grand Mother*

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**Mr and Mrs., John e. Flinn** - December 19, 2017 at 04:44 PM