



## Esma Dorrough Miller

April 5, 1927 - June 16, 2011

Parting is certainly sweet sorrow, but Esma Dorrough Miller, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and loving friend to many found her heavenly reward late on the evening of June 16, 2011 after bravely trying to conquer many health issues in the last few years. She was formidable opponent in dealing with her illnesses and never lost that spirit that kept her thinking about the future and, most importantly, others, in spite of her own present problems. She was truly a sweet, sweet spirit that accepted with grace both the good and sometimes the not so good times in life. Esma was born April 5, 1927 in Heard County Georgia. She was the last surviving child of the late Henry Warner Dorrough and Ada Howard Dorrough. Also preceding her in death was her husband, John Ezekiel Miller, Jr. Together they had owned Lullaby Nursery and Esma had also been head bookkeeper for The Manufacturer's National Bank and had also worked as a paraprofessional in the school system. Esma was a loyal and devoted member of Newnan First United Methodist Church. She was actively involved with her Sunday School class and The Swinging Seniors Choir. Additionally, she was active in the community in AARP, Senior Friends and was a long time member, with her husband John, in The Coweta Creek Jumpers Camping Club. Surviving Esma are her children Randy Miller and his wife Jane of Carrollton and Delilah Meadows and her husband Wesley of Savannah. Her life was made delightful by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Wesley Allen (Jennifer) Meadows, Jr., Anna Elizabeth (Jeff) Mills, Jenny Miller (Mark) Ingram, Brice

Allen Meadows, Aiden Wesley Meadows, Addison Grace Meadows, Jacob Ryan Mills and Julia Lillie Ingram. Her steadfast and devoted friend for these last few years has been Robert Pittman. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where visitation was an event of Saturday evening. The funeral service will be on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Gary Parrish and Reverend JoAn Kinrade officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery Fund in Heard County or to Newnan First United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Delilah, I was sorry to read about your mother's death. We were out of town over the weekend so just happened to see it in the Times-Herald obituaries. Unfortunately, it was too late to come by and speak to you and your family. I have fond memories of Esma but am sad to say that we had lost touch these last few years. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Kelley*

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**Linda Kelley** - June 21, 2011 at 08:44 PM

BM

“ *To the family of Mrs. Esma, I don't know any of you, but I feel like I knew Mrs. Esma from hearing my good friends Jack and Junior Dorough speak so well of her. I know Mrs. Junior worked there in the day care for awhile. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Jack and Junior. Was Jack and Esma brother and sister? I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you!*

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**Brenda McWhorter** - June 21, 2011 at 05:31 PM

DJ

“ *Randy and Delliah, We are so sorry to hear of Esma's death. She was a super sweet person and always had a kind word. We have known her for many years, from the bank to date. May THE GOOD LORD give you love, faith and understanding as the days go by and know that Esma is with him. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred*

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**Don and Mildred Jones** - June 21, 2011 at 12:09 PM

MS

“ This world has truly lost a wonderful and kind lady. It has been my pleasure to have know Mrs. Miller for over thirtysix years through Delilah and her family. I wish I could have made it to her memorial service but was out of town helping Marie prepare to move when I heard of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with my dear friend Delilah and her family. I love you all very much. Martha S

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**Martha Smith** - June 20, 2011 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Esma....we worked together at the Manufacturers National Bank and were all like "family"...I saw her frequently at the grocery store and always enjoyed visiting with her. She always had a smile on her face..You have a lot of good and sweet memories that will sustain you for years to come. Love to you all. Carolyn Bowers

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**Carolyn Bowers** - June 20, 2011 at 09:05 AM

DH

“ Randy, Delilah & Family, It's impossible to put in words how much I loved your Mother. She was a ray of sunshine in my life. I shall never forget the beautiful memories. It was impossible for Tena & I to be with you all today, but we were there in spirit. May God guide you throught the days ahead. Love & Prayers, Doris

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**Doris hannah** - June 19, 2011 at 09:50 PM

JH

“ What a beautiful and lovely lady. I know she will be missed. We will miss her coming to Savannah. Please know of our love and prayers. John and Gale Haney

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**John & Gale Haney** - June 19, 2011 at 03:44 PM

JG

“*Delilah and Wesley, Randy and Jane, Miller and Mr. John were the people to whom I entrusted my daughters Becca and then Megan when I went back to work 35 years ago. It was like leaving them with their grandparents and they loved them as if they truly were. Every time I saw her thru the ensuing years, she asked about Becca and Megan. I never saw Miller without a smile on her face. She was one of the nicest, sweetest women I have ever met and she taught the children at Lullaby those same values. We were broken-hearted when Mr. John died and now the circle is complete. She is with him again. What a wonderful mom you had! She will always be a part of our lives and memories, and I hope that very soon your memories of her will bring laughter and good thoughts instead of tears. Thank you for sharing her with our family. Jennie Gillihan, Becca McCullough and Megan McKenzie*

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**Jennie Stone Gillihan** - June 19, 2011 at 01:27 PM

NP

“*Miller was Leslie's 2nd Mama for many years. It was such an honor to share with people that my child was at Lullbye Daycare with Miller and Mr. John. I am truely sorry.*

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**Nancy Daniel Pye** - June 19, 2011 at 10:29 AM

PF

“*Randy and Delilah, I loved Aunt Esma very much. She promised me after Mamaw died that she would teach me how to make sweet potato biscuits. It's my fault that never happened. I really wish I had taken her up on that. I will miss her very much. I love you both and your families. I wish I could be there tomorrow. Please know that I will be thinking about you all. Much love, Paige*

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**Paige Fleming** - June 19, 2011 at 02:06 AM

LB

“ Randy and Delilah: I have know your mother for many years and really got to know her from attending the Veatch-Nixon Sunday School class. She cared so much for my mother who is blind and called her at least twice a week to check on her. Mother loved her just as much and will miss her as we all will. I talked to your mother last Sunday night to give her an update on my mother and we had a sweet conversation and ended by telling each other that we loved each other and would talk again soon. I am very sad but I have wonderful memories of your mother. Love, Linda Barron

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**Linda Barron** - June 18, 2011 at 07:01 PM

BC

“ Miller was a true treasure. She and Mr. John were THE best. Many children in Coweta county benefited from their love and care (and so did we parents). She has been a true blessing for me and my children. There are so many wonderful memories for you to treasure....her legacy is her family she has left behind. The family she held so dear to her heart.

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**Barbara Maddox Coggin Ciulla** - June 18, 2011 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ Delilah, Randy and family, Mrs. Miller will be so missed by so many, especially myself. Living next door for so many years, we always watched out for each other, I will miss her not being just a phone call away, as we used to say. She was a wonderful lady, neighbor and friend. All my thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. Love you so very much.

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**Cindy Schian** - June 18, 2011 at 11:12 AM

SS

“ *Delilah, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's death. I got to know Esma when I work with her at Playtex. When her and John open their Nursery I took Gary there. Gary enjoyed being with her and Mr. John. I will always have a special place in my heart for the love they gave Gary while there. May God comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time. Hope to see you tomorrow. Love You, Syble*

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**Syble Storey** - June 18, 2011 at 10:13 AM

TB

“ *We wish so that we could have come this weekend. There were just too many things that couldn't be worked out. Randy and Jane, there are no words to adequately say how much you have meant to us over the years. You are in our prayers as you face the weekend knowing there are no easy ways to say your goodbyes, that is until we see them again on HOLY GROUND. Love from your friends in Tennessee.*

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**tracy and barbara** - June 18, 2011 at 09:13 AM

TW

“ *Your mom and dad were two of the sweetest people I have known. Their home was my 40 year old son's second home on Belk Road. Never worried about him there. God bless you at your time of sorrow.*

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**Terry Wyche** - June 18, 2011 at 08:29 AM

CW

“ *Mama Miller was a very special lady! Her home was my second home since 5th grade. She always made us laugh and was there to listen when we needed her most. She was an inspiration of how she lived her life and the way she raised her family. I have so many great memories of growing up in Newnan and being around she and Mr. John and both of their families. Delilah & Wesley and your family and Randy and Jane and your family - you are all in our prayers and will be during the tough days ahead. Our family sends prayers and love. Your faith will sustain you in the coming days. Lots of love, Cindy & Ken (and family)*

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**Cindy Williams** - June 17, 2011 at 08:25 PM

JO

“ *Your mom was truly a Proverbs 31 woman. She was so good to us. My prayers are with you. Love you all.*

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**Joann** - June 17, 2011 at 07:09 PM