



## Frances Elizabeth Sprayberry

September 4, 1936 - September 26, 2011

Frances “Boots” Dunaway Sprayberry was born September 4, 1936 in Selma, Alabama to the late Cile Wallace Dunaway and the late Johnny William Dunaway. She moved to Newnan in 1945 and later graduated from Newnan High School. She then attended and graduated from Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald “Duck” Sprayberry on June 19, 1957. Throughout their 54 years of marriage, they were active members of Newnan First United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school and preschool, was an integral part of the church’s needlepoint guild, and faithfully served on numerous committees throughout her life. They raised their three children in the church and have been overjoyed to watch their eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren be raised in the same church. There was rarely a Sunday that Duck and Boots were not in their usual seats in the balcony. She will most be remembered as an ever-present fixture at Sprayberry’s Barbeque. She greeted every customer with a smile and kind word and had the ability to call most customers by name, making everyone feel welcome and at home. One of the most beloved contributions to the business was her homemade chocolate pie, which due to popular demand, had to be made available on the menu daily.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Doctor John Suh and the third floor nursing staff at Crawford Long/Emory Midtown for the wonderful care she received while in the hospital. Also to Sue Harris, Sheila Brown,

LaKeisha Gates and Vivian Smith for the compassionate care she received while at home.

Her life was built around her devotion to her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. She leaves behind her legacy through her cooking, sewing and gardening. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her and most of all by the family she leaves behind. She is survived by her husband, Donald Lee Sprayberry, her children, Donald, Jr. and Terri Sprayberry, Stephen and Colleen Sprayberry, and Carol & Fred Hamlin. Her beloved grandchildren, Glenn Sprayberry Hice, Emily and Joey Burg, Carol Lee Sprayberry, Stephen Sprayberry, Jr., Wallace Sprayberry, Sara Penn Hamlin, Mason Hamlin and Carson Hamlin. Her adored great-grandchildren, Luke Hice and Brewer Burg. She is also survived by her aunts and uncles, Sadera and Cecil Moore and Luther and Annice Wallace, sister-in-law, Glenda Dunaway, and niece Paige Lee. She was preceded in death by her brother, Phil Dunaway.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St., Newnan with a graveside service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park officiated by Reverend Gary Parrish, Doctor Med Roach and Doctor Joel Richardson. The visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5:00 -7:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan,GA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 33 Greenville St., Newnan, GA. 30263 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital-Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Sept 145, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

SEP 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church  
33 Greenville Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Miss Boots cute personality will never be forgotten. My favorite memories of her are watching her with her children at the Country Club Pool and thinking how adorable she was when I was a teen. I always looked forward to seeing her at Sprayberry's when I would stop in town after I had moved away. Newnan has lost a beautiful lady and kind soul. My thoughts are with the wonderful family she has left behind.

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**Lisa Mullally Smith** - October 26, 2011 at 03:33 PM

LD

“ Dear Duck and Family, We have lost a precious friend and loved one, and heaven has gained a beautiful soul. I will miss seeing "Boots" when at Sprayberry's in Newnan for St. Jude. Please know that I will be stopping by to see you, Duck, and the family. Boots was very special to me personally and I was fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know her because of her love of St. Jude and the children. What a lady~ she was one-of-a-kind! May God bless everyone in your family with peaceful hearts ~ Leslie Davidson xox St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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**Leslie Davidson** - October 12, 2011 at 10:55 AM

TF

“ The entire Gilliland Family would like to express our condolences for the loss of your beloved Boots. We all have fond memories of her beautiful smile and warm greetings as we have come to eat at Sprayberry's over the last 40 plus years. We share in your grief as we mourn the loss of our beloved Malcolm Gilliland who passed away on September 27th. We pray for God to surround you with His comforting arms during this difficult time. Much love, JoAnn, Rick, Ken and Beth Gilliland and family

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**The Gilliland Family** - October 04, 2011 at 09:11 AM

GH

“ It has been a privilege and honor to have known Frances (Boots)Sprayberry. Our friendship was brief however, the quality, depth and charm of this lady has remained with us and will do so forever. A woman of such quality does not die ... she remains in the hearts of loved ones forever - in the way she lived her life, the quality time she spent with those near her and the lasting memories that should go on forever - so never stop telling the family of the part she played in their lives because it is important that they know from where they came. Stay strong Sprayberry family ... speak of her often and remember her in your hearts forever. Respectfully, Gloria & Ronnie Harbour

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**Gloria & Ronnie Harbour** - October 01, 2011 at 11:46 AM

LW

“ We will miss Boots--greeting us at the restaurant with that lovely smile was like a ray of sunshine. We were unable to attend her service because of my illness but we have been in prayer for your family. You were one of the first families we met when we moved to Newnan in 1966. Please know that we grieve with you.

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**Lois and Ed Wyrick** - September 30, 2011 at 07:56 PM

LR

“ This is a special word to Carol: I will never forget the time I spent in your family especially the closeness you and Paige shared. I was driving a country road last Monday when I could see your mom and memories of her were so vivid.....I was shocked to learn of her leaving at the very moment I was thinking of her. WoW! What a woman...she and Nannie were the best! Your mom and I had a long conversation about a year ago (just after Phil passed) and it did my heart good. You will never know how sorry I am for you. Wish I could hug you right now. I will always love you.

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**Linda Dunaway Riley** - September 30, 2011 at 05:32 PM

JT

“ I SAW "BOOTS" AT T.J.MAX ON JULY 1ST....I WAS LEAVING FOR A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS AND SHE AND I HAD A GREAT VISIT! WE TALKED ABOUT HILTON HEAD AND N.O. SHE LOOKED WONDERFUL AND WAS AS GRACIOUS AND SWEET AS EVER...I PREFER TO REMEMBER HER THAT WAY!! MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE AND CONSOLE DONALD AND HER CHILDREN!! JUNE ELLEN

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**JUNE MANSOUR THOMAS** - September 29, 2011 at 11:58 AM

AH

“ Our prayers are with the Sprayberry family.  
alicia/robbie/markel/robbie jr/rodney/janaya

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**Alicia Harden** - September 29, 2011 at 10:59 AM

NS

“ Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in your memories and the knowledge that she is in a better place and no longer suffering.

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**Nancy&Joan Spradlin** - September 29, 2011 at 07:49 AM

GW

“ Donald, Donald, Jr, Stephen and Carol. I was so very sorry to read about the passing of "Miss Boots". She was an icon to Sprayberry's and Newnan. I know that she will be missed by many. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and all the family and friends in this time of need. Gary

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**Gary Warren** - September 28, 2011 at 04:09 PM

DG

“ Mr. Donald, Donald, Jr, and Terri, Colleen and Stephen, and Carol and Boo plus all the grandchildren and extended friends and family, I am sorry to hear of Miss Boots' passing. She will be missed by many and will be remembered with fondness. I pray for God's peace and comfort during this time of grief. Debra Gourley

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**Debra Hawk Gourley** - September 28, 2011 at 02:59 PM

JP

“ Dear Sprayberry Family, I am so very sorry to hear about Ms. Boots. She was a wonderful person whom I always looked forward to seeing and talking to about our families. She loved her family so dearly and her greatest joy was spending time with each of you. I pray that our God's Holy Spirit will comfort you in the days ahead and that His peace resides within your hearts. Jena & Dwight Parks

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**Jena Parks** - September 28, 2011 at 10:16 AM

DJ

“ Duck and Family, We are so saddened to loose Boots. She was a Friend, Classmate and a super person. She was a peoples person and always had a smile and hello for everyone. God has blessed us with Her. Mildred and I can't be with you at the funeral due to health reasons, but our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. You will continue to be in our prayers. GOD LOVES YOU AND WE DO TOO, Don and Mildred

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**Don and Mildred Jones** - September 28, 2011 at 09:42 AM

GB

“ Im so sorry for your loss. Im so grateful that I had worked for such a wonderful family, i have so many great memmories. I will miss her so much. You are all in my prayers. Love all of you.

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**Gretchen Brown** - September 28, 2011 at 08:33 AM

JH

“ Dear Sprayberry Family, My prayers are for the whole family. "Ms. Boots" was a lovely person and was always so kind. She will be missed by the people of Newnan.

Joan Smith Hanson - September 28, 2011 at 08:20 AM

JG

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Sprayberry family on the passing of "Boots." Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Julie Hinds Griggs

Julie Hinds Griggs - September 27, 2011 at 09:09 PM

MC

“ Dear Sprayberry Family, Our deepest sympathy to you all on your loss. We will miss our sweet friend. Our love and prayers to you all. Mary and Bill Cline

Mary and Bill Cline - September 27, 2011 at 08:43 PM

TF

“ We will all miss her warm, friendly greeting at Sprayberry's. We are praying for the entire Sprayberry family during this time of loss.

The Charlie Robison Family - September 27, 2011 at 08:33 PM

CW

“ Our sympathy to the family. "Boots" will be greatly missed.

Charles & Grace Walden - September 27, 2011 at 08:20 PM

MJ

“ Ms. Boots will be missed. Sprayberry's has always been about our favorite place to eat in town and it just won't be the same without her around. I hope she wrote the chocolate pie recipe down somewhere. Prayers and condolences to the family.

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**Mark and Donna Jones** - September 27, 2011 at 06:39 PM

JR

“ TO THE SPRAYBERRY FAMILY,IM SO SORRY TO HERE THE LOSS OF MRS.BOOTS.SHE WERE A SWEET LADY.SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISS BY ALL.

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**JOHNNY REDDING** - September 27, 2011 at 06:01 PM

JR

“ I clearly remember Boots' first day at Temple Avenue Grammar School. The teacher, Ms. Alice, or Ms. Bartie had her stand, and introduced her as Frances Elizabeth Dunaway, and asked her what she wanted to be called. She answered in a very audible voice: "Everybody calls me 'Boots' "! For more than a half century , Boots and Duck have been the embodiment of what families ought to be. Boots will be sorely missed by her family and countless friends..

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**Jimmy Rogers** - September 27, 2011 at 05:43 PM

BN

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Bobby and Dianne Neill** - September 27, 2011 at 05:36 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Sprayberry family. We know that your loss is great and our prayer is that God will bring you peace during this difficult time.

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**Mike & Julie Marchese** - September 27, 2011 at 05:14 PM

J"

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She will be dearly missed. I always enjoyed serving y'all at the country club. Y'all are such a joy. May God help you in your time of grief.

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**Jennifer Norton "Tiffany"** - September 27, 2011 at 03:35 PM

JL

“ *Each Life Is a Song. A life is like a song we write in our own tone and key. Each life we touch reflects a note that forms the melody. We choose the theme and chorus of the song to bear our name, and each will have a special sound. No two can be the same...So when someone we love departs, In memory we find their song plays on within the hearts of those they leave behind. May the quiet places of your heart be filled with sweet echoes of love and memory. Thinking of you wit deepest sympathy.*

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**Jack and Donna Lamb** - September 27, 2011 at 02:40 PM

CM

“ We are truly sorry for your loss. We've always enjoyed "Miss Boots" and Mr. Duck's company and feel the deepest sympathy for you. Our continued prayers are with the entire family.

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**Carl and Jill McKnight** - September 27, 2011 at 01:49 PM

KS

“ It was just this time last year at the Sprayberry's reunion we all saw "Boots" warm smile and welcome arms. We always remember the wonderful time and fabulous home cooked supper she prepared for at their home before the reunion. Please know that each one of you are in our prayers during this most difficult time. When Dad "Billy" is able to travel we will bring him to visit.

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**Katherine Sprayberry** - September 27, 2011 at 01:23 PM

RD

“ Dear Sprayberrys we send our sincere condolence my you find comfort and peace in Our Lord and Savior. A fond memory is of Miss Boots surrounded by her family for Sunday Dinner she was always so happy to be with her family.

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**Ray & Linda DuBose** - September 27, 2011 at 01:15 PM

FM

“ When I moved down here many years ago after marrying a Coweta native one of the first faces I got to know was Miss Boots. Her friendly manner always made me and my family feel at home at Sprayberrys. Somehow that was a comfort for me in an every changing world as the years passed. We will miss you, but know that you are in a glorious place. -Frank Marchman

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**Frank Marchman** - September 27, 2011 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. The Sprayberry family has been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. May God comfort you and hold you in his hands.

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**Donna & William Staples** - September 27, 2011 at 11:00 AM

BB

“ To the Sprayberry family. We have been (and still are) praying for you all that God will let you feel his presence and that his loving hands will comfort you during these difficult days. "Boots" will certainly be missed by many people. May God Bless Bill & Bobbie Breed

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**Bill Breed** - September 27, 2011 at 10:45 AM

KH

“ Dear Sprayberry family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful to have known "Miss" Boots and will remember her and all of you in the coming days. May the Lord bless you and keep you and hold you in the palm of His hand... Love, Kelly, Hap and Edie Hines

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**Kelly Maddux Hines** - September 27, 2011 at 09:12 AM

JF

“ May God fill the void with His love and grace. We send heart felt condolences to Donald, Terri, Stephen, Colleen and Carol and all of their families. We miss the times at Newnan First Methodist Church, living on 1st Avenue across the street from Donald and Terri and eating at Sprayberrys's and seeing Ms. Bootsy behind the counter. While words can't take away the pain, may you all fill the love from family and friends. Love, Julia and Hugo

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**Julia and Hugo Heflin and family** - September 27, 2011 at 08:44 AM

SS

“ I am Donald's cousin. My father was Harold Eidson. Just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless the family.

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**Sandra Eidson Stephens** - September 27, 2011 at 08:29 AM

DO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May looking back in memory help comfort you in the days ahead. In Sympathy and Friendship, Debbie Olmstead and Family

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**Debbie Olmstead** - September 27, 2011 at 07:02 AM

CW

“ In looking back at the time I spent working at Sprayberry's, I am so fortunate to have been able to work for such a wonderful family and to have known Ms. Boots. Ms. Boots was truly one of the nicest people I have ever known. She was the grandmother we all wished we could have had. To the Sprayberry Family - I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. "To live in hearts we leave behind Is not to die."

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**Candace M. West** - September 26, 2011 at 11:39 PM

MB

“ Dearest Sprayberry Family, We have been praying for Miss Boots and we are grateful that Jesus has taken her home with Him in His Peace. We will surely miss her sweet smile and greeting at our restuarant visits. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time of loss. Love, Marla, Bryant & Chandler Brandenburg

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**Marla Brandenburg** - September 26, 2011 at 11:00 PM

VC

“ Donald, Don ,Jr and Terri, Stephen and Colleen, Carol and Fred and all the families. We are so very sorry. Boots will be missed so very much. She was special to us all. Please know our prayers will be with you in the days and weeks to come as you seek to grieve such a loss. We are here when you need us. We love you all dearly. Tim and Debby Bennett, Ryan and Tracey Bennett, and Paulina and Greg Kennedy join us in extending our sincerest sympathy to each of you. Love, Hugs and Prayers to each ot you.

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**Virginia and Ray Cox** - September 26, 2011 at 09:50 PM

BD

“ Precious memories! My heart aches but find joy in remembering the good times. I commend all of you for your strong hearts and faith. Oh, how we miss her. Fondly, Betty Dyar and children

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**Betty B. Dyar** - September 26, 2011 at 09:26 PM

PV

“ Duck and family --Boots' passing wil leave a big void for a lot of people in Newnan. My thoughts are with all of you. God bless. Paden

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**Paden Vineyard** - September 26, 2011 at 08:09 PM

ST

“ Our entire family joins us in sending our sincere condolences." Boots" and "Duck" have been special friends to all of us for as far back as we can remember. From grade school through high school and into the world of adulthood, "Boots" and "Duck" and their family have always had the love and respect of the entire community. "Boots will be missed but remembered.

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**Susie and Jimmy Thomasson** - September 26, 2011 at 07:27 PM

MB

“ I can still see "Miss Boots"on monday mornings helping to organize our sanctuary with her constant smile and that look of being very busy because she has things to do. I also can see her at the take out window with her manual cash register vigorously pressing the keys to hurry-up the order and get you out with a smile. I know where she is and may HE take her in his loving arms and comfort her along with her family still here on earth.

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**Michael Bright** - September 26, 2011 at 07:27 PM

SR

“ *What a special lady Miss Boots was and I will be forever grateful for her extra attention. God bless you! Shade*

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**Shade W Robinson** - September 26, 2011 at 06:19 PM

JS

“ *Stephen, Colleen, Stephen Jr. and Wallace-I am so very sad to hear about the loss of your mother and grandmother. Please know that I am praying for your family and sending love to all of you.*

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**Judy Spann** - September 26, 2011 at 06:12 PM

BW

“ *Donald, Donald Jr., Stephen, Carol, and the rest of your family, we were sorry to hear about the passing of "Miss Boots". She and all of your family have been on our weekly church prayer lists, and our daily prayer list.at home. Sprayberry's is a Newnan institution and "Miss Boots" was a huge part of it. She will be missed greeting everyone at the front door. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and God Bless all of you during this most difficult time.*

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**Beth & Jimmy Walker** - September 26, 2011 at 05:38 PM

GW

“ *We extend our sincere sympathy to the entire Sprayberry family.*

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**Geraldine & Bobby Welch** - September 26, 2011 at 05:00 PM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I will miss her on Facebook and at Sprayberry's. I'm very sorry for your loss!*

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**Julie Olmstead Matthews** - September 26, 2011 at 04:52 PM

AB

“ *There are no words to express the loss of this loved one. She will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Alan & Wanda A. Bearden** - September 26, 2011 at 04:42 PM

RP

“ *Words are so inadequate at a time such as this. But I know that all of you can take comfort in that she is no longer lying in that hospital bed and in discomfort. She now has that "new body" that Jesus promises to all. I have already asked her to "save me a seat in back of her" in heaven!! Lean on God for comfort and courage, and remember His promise that He would never leave us alone. Love to all of you, Ray and Gerrie*

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**Ray and Gerrie Petty** - September 26, 2011 at 03:05 PM