



Gail Marie Cadenhead

August 12, 2025

Gail Lambert Cadenhead of Newnan, GA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother, sister, aunt, and Gigi.

Gail was lively, vivacious, and deeply endearing, with an infectious laugh that brought joy to everyone around her. She grew up in Newnan, GA, and graduated from Newnan High School in 1968. She attended Reinhardt College in Waleska, GA, and went on to earn her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia. She cherished every minute of her 34-year teaching career, most of which she spent in Forsyth County. Even after retiring, she continued to support children as a tutor and substitute teacher.

Gail loved spending time with her family and friends, taking trips to the beach, reading voraciously, and playing tennis and participating in numerous ALTA teams over the years. A boisterous Georgia Bulldogs fan, she proudly wore red and black each fall to cheer on her team.

Over the last 40 years, Gail was an active member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Cumming, GA; St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, SC; and finally, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Newnan, GA. She found immense joy serving as a lector, reading the Sacred

Scriptures at Mass.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Blakely Lambert, Sr. and Bettye Medicus Lambert. She is survived by her husband, Jon Cadenhead ("Doug"); her children, Brad Day and Meredith Wright (husband Andrew); her beloved grandchildren, Caleb Day, Ava Day, Kailyn Wright, and Reese Wright; her sister, Donna Dixon (husband Tom); her brother, John Blakely Lambert, Jr. (wife Kitty); and many aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A funeral mass for Gail will be celebrated at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Newnan, GA, on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 11:00 am. Family and friends are invited to gather in the church lobby at any time between 10:00 am and 11:00 am for visitation.

Donations may be made in memory of Mrs. Gail Cadenhead to St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 3 Village Road, Newnan, GA 30265. Flowers and online condolences may be sent to McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263.

Gail will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
3 Village Road
Newnan, GA 30265

Mass

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
3 Village Road
Newnan, GA 30265

Graveside Service

AUG **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am thankful for the wonderful comments on this page. Gail was the light in my life. I miss her so much and her children and grandchildren do too.
Years from now, these very children and grandchildren will remember her by reading what you have shared here. Again, I am grateful. Doug Cadenhead

Doug Cadenhead - September 19, 2025 at 08:49 AM

LC

“ When we met Gail, we instantly felt her kindness, sense of humor, and her love for Doug. We knew that she was the right one to bring him joy and happiness again, and that she would smoothly slide right into our family. She was always poised and generous with us, making it so easy to love her. We remember how much fun she and Doug had at their beautiful outside wedding. Most of the Ball family was there and we all have fun and fond memories of their Wedding Day, singing and dancing with everyone. I did not get to spend a lot of time with them, but remember that Gail especially had fun redecorating their condo in Mauldin after they were married. Doug, we are so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers to you and all of the family.
We love you Brother, John and Laura Corn

Laura Corn - August 24, 2025 at 03:47 PM

CO

“ I am so thankful for the happy times Gail and Doug shared over these many years, and that she bacame part of our family. Gail always smiled and laughed easily, and offered her friendship generously. I especially enjoyed talking to her about her wonderful teaching career and how much she loved her students. Gail was kind and so much fun. She adored her familiy and will be greatly missed.

Crystal Ball O'Connor - August 21, 2025 at 11:32 PM

NG

“ Nana, Janice, Larry & Lauren Griffith purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gail Marie Cadenhead.



Nana, Janice, Larry & Lauren Griffith - August 18, 2025 at 06:43 PM

NG

“ Nana, Janice, Larry & Lauren Griffith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Marie Cadenhead.

Nana, Janice, Larry & Lauren Griffith - August 18, 2025 at 06:43 PM

PA

“ Penny A. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gail Marie Cadenhead.



Penny A. - August 17, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MG

“ Our family had the privilege of being neighbors with Mrs. Gail for the past three years. She was a joy to be around, and we shared many holidays together—from the kids’ handmade crafts for Thanksgiving and Mother’s Day to watching fireworks on the 4th of July. She will be deeply missed.

Morgan & Danielle Gravley - August 15, 2025 at 09:29 PM

SM

“ Gail was a sweet lady who brought Doug a lot of joy. We were sorry to hear that she passed and have been keeping her family in our thoughts. We know she will be missed by many. Love Sage Martin and Nikki Ordille



Sage Martin - August 15, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gail Marie Cadenhead.

August 15, 2025 at 07:19 PM

AV

“ I am so glad that I got to spend time with Gail on our beach vacations for the last two years. We spent many hours reading on the beach and going out on boats together. Her laughter was contagious, and she lived her life to the fullest. She didn't let anything stop her. I was thrilled that she married my grandfather, Doug, and appreciated all of the joy she brought into his life. She will be greatly missed by me and the rest of my family. Fly high, Gail! Love from Annabelle and Manny Ventura.

Annabelle Ventura - August 15, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JB

“ Jeannine and Joe Ball: We genuinely loved Gail very much, and enjoyed every moment we ever spent with her and Doug. We have been enjoying looking through photos over the years, back to their wonderful wedding at the lake, and numerous visits at our place in the North Georgia mountains, including Kentucky Derby gatherings at our home. Gail usually won the most beautiful contest award! She was always smiling and happy. We will miss her forever more.

Much love, Joe.

Joe Ball - August 15, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gail Marie Cadenhead.



August 15, 2025 at 09:39 AM



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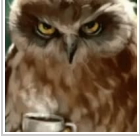
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DH

“ David Howard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gail Marie Cadenhead.



David Howard - August 14, 2025 at 08:20 PM



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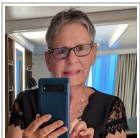


Quart Doug - August 14, 2025 at 03:23 PM

BB

Her obituary was just like her. It was beautiful. She was my best friend from reinhardt all the way till today. We were roommates at u g a and all the way till we got married. She was my sister. One thing that was very special to me is that she shared her family with me. After my daddy died and my mother remarried traveled all over the United States. I had nowhere to go on weekends and holidays and Gale, always invited me to her house and Betty b would have that bacon cooked on Saturday morning and we jump out of that bed and run to that kitchen. And I had never had grits until I met betty b. We shared our lives together. I will miss her so much. But I am so glad that I got to know her.

Beverly Moss Birdyshaw - August 14, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *Gail was a sweet lady. Spent my graduation trip with she and her family. Waited on her at Chick fil A, always wanted the sweet potato soufle. I graduated with Gail and always enjoyed her company. Her mother and mine were good friends. She will be missed.*

Mary Allen - August 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JE

“ Gail was a dear sweet friend & we shared many fun times together with our kids. Sending my love & condolences to Brad, Meredith, Donna & all her family. Gail was a wonderful lady.



Jeannie Kelly Edwards - August 14, 2025 at 12:42 PM

QB

“ I have to admit Gail's Georgia Bulldogs won more games than my Clemson Tigers

Quentin Ball - August 13, 2025 at 04:34 PM

QB

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Quentin Ball - August 13, 2025 at 04:32 PM