



## Grace Aloa Woodford

June 27, 1943 - November 19, 2021

Grace A. Woodford

27 June 1943 to 19 November 2021

Grace Woodford, Former owner of the Doghouse Pet Resort & Spa, a Nationally Recognized Pet Stylist and Grooming Judge, Former member of The Georgia Governor's companion animal advisory board, an Air Force veteran, and a loving mother and devoted wife has passed on.

She is preceded by her husband Thomas and survived by her son James Woodford of Newnan along with his wife, step-daughter, and his 3 daughters.

She is also survived by her daughter, Heather Sullivan, of Diamond Springs, California, and her Son Tyler, an Air Force non-commissioned officer serving in California.

Grace was known to all as a lover of animals but had a special place in her heart for Scotties and Dobermans. Considered to be a nationally recognized authority on styling of Terrier breeds she was well known and respected throughout the industry and sought after as a styling judge and teacher.

In the 90's and early 2000's she served on the Georgia Governor's

Companion Animal Advisory Board and helped to establish many of the regulations currently used for licensing and running of pet care facilities throughout the state.

In 1990, she had a vision to provide the best possible pet care experience possible, and in 1991 she opened the Doghouse Kennel & Grooming, Inc., this facility became the very first to become dually accredited as both a boarding facility and styling shop, a goal that very few facilities in the country have ever achieved.

Grace was also an excellent seamstress and worked for a period as a tailor. Grace was a talented artist and had an eye for spatial design having helped redesign many kennels and even her daughter's kitchen. She is most fondly remembered by her family as an awesome cook, always making time to bake chocolate chip cookies. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and doting grandmother, known to those in the family as Mom, Aunt Grace, or Nana.

Grace will be sorely missed by all whose lives she has touched and all the friends that she has made. Most of all she will be missed by her family.

There will be a celebration of life at her home 509 Wagers Mill Rd., at noon on the 29th of January 2022, for any who wish to pay their respects or share fond memories. We will be spreading her ashes along with those of her beloved husband, Thomas F. Woodford. May they rest in peace.

We Love you Mom!

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)  
McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy James and all the family, on the passing of your sweet mom. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Shirley (USO) Shepard*



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**SHIRLEY STEARNS SHEPARD** - January 23, 2022 at 10:33 AM

KA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Fritz, Kirby, and Jersey have always received excellent boarding and grooming from her facility, and her legacy will live on through The Dog House. Prayers for the entire family.*

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**Kathy** - November 27, 2021 at 11:49 AM

GW

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Woodford's passing. I met her only recently when I boarded my cat at her facility for three weeks. She and her son were very pleasant to deal with and provided excellent care. She was an extremely talented lady and will surely be missed. May she Rest In Peace.*



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**Geraldine Welch** - November 24, 2021 at 02:56 PM

HP

“ My deepest sympathy to Grace’s family. She and her staff looked after my dog Britches for years and I always knew they would take good care of him. Grace’s knowledge of and skill with dogs was amazing. She was a special lady.

*Harriett Palmer*

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**Harriett Palmer** - November 24, 2021 at 02:39 PM

GM

“ Condolences to the Woodford children. We first met Grace in 1999 when we had our first pet, Sheba, groomed at her business. We developed a bond and friendship over the last 20+ years that I will cherish. Rest well Grace, you are now with your husband and beloved pets. I’ll miss our long chats.

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**Gene Miller** - November 24, 2021 at 11:01 AM

LC

“ Heather and Jimmy, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for each of you and your families.

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**Laurie Brooks Casey** - November 24, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pat and I are so thankful that we had the opportunity to see her before she passed. I will definitely miss my Lidle/Patak buddy. She was a wonderful friend and a great neighbor. Rest in peace Grace and now you and Tom can have some of those fun times you used to tell me about. We will miss you until we will see you again.

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**chris Garcia** - November 24, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JW

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Mrs. Woodford’s passing. Most recently you guys boarded my mom’s cat and took great care of her. But I knew her through Dr. Hurley’s Animal Clinic when she brought pets in and I worked there when I was in high school. We always looked forward to seeing her. She will be missed.

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**Jennifer Welch** - November 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MA

“ Sorry for your loss!



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**Michael W Aldredge** - November 24, 2021 at 10:32 AM

PS

There were none better than Grace Woodford and Dr. Howard Hurley when it came to taking care of our pets. Thanks to you both. You will sorely be missed.

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**Patty Snider** - November 26, 2021 at 06:44 PM

LG

I always enjoyed seeing Grace's smile and hearing her warm greeting when Bandit and I would go in. Her level of expertise with animals will be missed. My prayers for comfort and peace are with the family. Thank you for sharing Grace with human and animal alike.

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**Lynn Glassbrook** - November 28, 2021 at 02:45 PM