



## Harriette Matteson Spears

December 5, 1933 - June 29, 2019

After several years of declining health, Harriette Matteson Spears passed away on June 29, 2019. She was born December 5, 1933 in Bethlehem, Georgia, the youngest of seven children born to The Reverend Benjamin Comstock Matteson and Mary Magdalene “Maggie” Price Matteson. As a child of a minister, she moved throughout her young life making friends wherever she lived. She continued this tradition throughout her life. She graduated from Washington High School in 1950 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree from The University of Georgia in 1953 in Home Economics and Education. She met the love of her life, Robert “Bobby” Sentell Spears in 1954, and they married on August 12, 1956. From their forty-five year marriage came five sons, Robert Sentell, MD. (Andrea) of Saratoga, CA, Phillip Matteson (Dana) of Atlanta, GA, Stuart Martin (Kathryn) of Macon, GA, Charles Harvey (Carol) of Orlando, FL, Samuel “Sam” Price (Kim) of Warner Robins, GA; twelve grandchildren, Stuart (Ansley), Max (Johanna), Elizabeth, Anna Kate (Michael), India, Charles, Ruth Ann, Maggie (Zach), Jed, Henry, Benjamin, and Grant, one great grandson, Stuart “Beau.”

Harriette loved her large extended family, her church, beautiful landscapes and flowers, and entertaining. She loved having fun. “Family parties” were a great way to spread the fun and her joy for life. “There’s more in the kitchen” was her mantra. Because she didn’t like sitting still, she decided to begin a catering career in the 1980s that lasted for twenty years. Throughout her

married life, the family made several cities home, Warner Robins, Washington, Augusta, Newnan, Thomaston, and Fort Valley. All made an impression on Harriette, and she on each of them from a puppet ministry in Augusta, freshening up the landscape with some volunteer gardeners around her church in Newnan, redoing the landscape around the Courthouse with the local garden clubs in Thomaston, to serving Wednesday Night Dinners for her church in Fort Valley. These are just a few of her joys. She loved to laugh, and hearing a good joke always brought a smile to her face.

A celebration of her life will be on July 14, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Newnan, Georgia at 2:30 pm. The family will greet friends from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm the day of the service. The Reverend Jim Hamlin will officiate. Interment will be at Oak Hill Cemetery following the service.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh, where do we begin with the many thanks for this sweet, dear lady. She quickly became a member of our family when my son, his wife and my grandson moved across the street from her in Fort Valley. I think she pretty much adopted my grandson as one of hers, and rightly so. Even in her delicate condition, there wasn't much this precious lady couldn't do for herself, but when she wasn't able, she'd call on my son, and I'm so proud that she felt she could depend on him in those times of need. I will always remember Mrs. Harriette for her kindness, her sweetness, and her love for our family. We will miss her like she was one of our own, and will remember her forever. With all our love, Mrs. Harriett, rest without pain now. May God wrap His loving arms around you, and may He comfort each of your family members throughout these difficult days.



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**Paula and Leonard Pender** - July 12, 2019 at 10:15 AM