



## Heather Benton Koenig

August 29, 1986 - February 10, 2022

Heather Benton Koenig

Born August 29, 1986 in Opelika, Alabama

Died February 10, 2022 in Newnan, Georgia

Heather Benton Koenig passed away on February 10, 2022, in her home at the age of 35. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Helen Patterson; three uncles - Willie Joe Patterson, John Patterson, and Billy Wayne Patterson; and her aunt, Margie Patterson. She is survived by her parents, Rayburn and Betty Benton; her brother, Bradley Benton (wife Misty); her husband, Joshua Koenig; and her three daughters - Lillian and Charlotte, age 7, and Gabrielle, age 4; and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends, all who loved her dearly.

Born at Lee County Hospital in Opelika, Alabama, on August 29, 1986, Heather was the younger of two children. She admired her older brother, Bradley, and found a role model and friend in him, both as kids and as they grew into adulthood. As a girl, Heather loved spending time with her friends, and her brother, sharing laughs and finding new ways to have fun. She always loved being outdoors, exploring and discovering new favorite natural wonders. She grew up in Opelika, where she was a cheerleader in high school and voted Beulah High School Prom Queen, as well as the apple of her daddy's

eye. Heather continued living in Opelika while she studied apparel merchandising at Auburn University and graduated with her bachelor's degree in 2009. After graduating, Heather worked in several retail positions around the South, and all of that would lead her to Radcliff, Kentucky, in November of 2010, where she would meet the love of her life - her husband, Josh.

Heather and Josh met at a Panera Bread in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, after being set up on a date by mutual friends. Before long, they were dating, and their life together took them to several places across the country due to Josh's military service. They landed in Killeen, Texas, for a while, and Josh proposed to her on May 26, 2012, at Stillhouse Hollow Lake. They had a beautiful Texas fall wedding on October 12, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. Josh and Heather most loved going on quick adventures together to hike, kayak, or discover the hidden treasures of new towns. After Killeen, Josh was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, where they grew their family with their twin girls, Charlotte and Lillian, on December 17, 2014. In September of 2016, they moved to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and their family grew even more with their third daughter, Gabrielle, to their family in October of 2017. They left El Paso for Fort Benning in 2018 and settled around Columbus, Georgia, where she was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer. Heather began treatment, and they found a new home in Newnan, Georgia, in 2019, where she courageously fought the disease for almost three years. Throughout it all, she leaned on her faith in God and love for her family to uphold her in her fight.

Heather had a creative soul, and photography, painting, and quilting were particular passions for her. She started her own business, Cottonseed Creations, where she made custom clothing and home goods. She also took pictures for friends and family while in Georgia. Along with sewing and photography, Heather was an avid gardener, and it was her dream to have her own small, pick-your-own family farm. She often took her girls to go berry-

picking at local farms around town, and it became a favorite family activity. She was also fond of traveling and learning about other countries and cities, and had a long list of destinations awaiting her. Above all else, Heather loved being a mom. She loved her girls, and loved showing them new things in the world, teaching them to love nature, and how to play and explore their curiosity. Her light shines in them. If you knew Heather, you knew that light - funny and sarcastic, passionate about her faith, her family, and her dreams, and an incredible strength and compassion in her desire to use her story to uplift others also struggling. She was a bright ray of sunshine, and she will be greatly missed.

The family will hold a service in Memoriam of Heather Koenig at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia, at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 18, 2022. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to a GoFundMe account for their girls' education fund as a way to honor Heather. The donation page is listed at, <https://gofund.me/1d78ec84>

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)  
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Heather Benton Koenig*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 19, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Heather Benton Koenig*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 18, 2022 at 08:06 AM

GE

*I was saddened to learn of the passing of the special person. Praying for Josh, the children and their entire family as they proceed through this sad time.*

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**Glenn Edwards** - February 18, 2022 at 10:32 AM

GP

*What a beautiful celebration of life! I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to view it online. I miss Heather so much! Praying for Josh and the girls .....*

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**Glynda Pace** - February 19, 2022 at 06:14 PM

JD

“ Oh my, I just heard you left this world. I celebrate for you being with Jesus, but am so sad you’ve left your sweet family. I have walked a similar loss recently and know how hard it is. You reflected Jesus in your journey so well. You gave God all the glory in it all.

Jennifer DeFrates - March 06, 2022 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ You were taken from this life too soon but you inspired many of us with your strong and unwavering faith in God and His Plan. You made the most of your time with your family and your girls, and they will never ever doubt your love for them. I pray they have many memories to last them a lifetime. I promise that I will think of you often and every time I do, I will pray for your parents, your husband, and your children. Hugs until we meet again. ❤️

Julie Wall - February 18, 2022 at 01:03 PM

GJ

“ Gerald J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Heather Benton Koenig.



Gerald J. - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

BF

“ It was a beautiful service. I will be praying for Heathers entire family especially her precious girls. She is at peace now and for that we can be thankful. I love you Heather boot!



Barbara Freeman - February 18, 2022 at 11:47 AM

ND

“ I am sorry you have to deal with this loss of a beautiful spirit. I hope you can take comfort in knowing she is finished with her fight and will be watching over you from heaven. Bill and I are sending our prayers for the whole family. Bill and Nancy Deady

Nancy Deady - February 18, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ My husband and I were sponsors for Josh and Heather when they arrived at Fort Bliss. From the moment she walked into our house, and embraced me with a hug that felt like we had known each other years, I could tell she was going to be a close friend. She radiated with such joy, and could find the positive in any situation. I'll always remember laughing until my cheeks hurt and her southern voice that was smooth as honey. ❤️



Chrissy Gibbs - February 17, 2022 at 06:40 PM

BF

I will never forget you Heather ❤️  
And I will treasure the memories we made in the bedboard at EAMC and the concerts we went to with all the laughs. You are truly one of a kind and you have been such an inspiration to me. I know I'll see you again but I'm sure gonna miss you.  
Ms. Brenda

Brenda Ford - February 18, 2022 at 11:03 AM

SB

“ *Steve&Brenda Booker lit a candle in memory of Heather Benton Koenig*



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**Steve&Brenda Booker** - February 17, 2022 at 06:28 PM

GW

“ *May she Rest In Peace. Bless her family.*



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**Geraldine Welch** - February 17, 2022 at 03:59 PM