



Inez Wood

October 11, 1916 - January 30, 2009

Mrs. Inez Harbin Wood, 92, passed away at the Newnan Hospital Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on January 30, 2009, leaving the physical limitations endured at the end of earthly life for her permanent home in Heaven. Funeral services will be conducted at the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, February 2 at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Gary Parrish and Allan Rainwater. A visitation will take place at McKoon on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Interment will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be grandsons and grandsons-in-law David Wood, Gregory Wood, Matthew Wood, Jon Clifford and Jacob Pellock and nephews John Simmons, Martin Simmons, and Matthew Simmons.

“Miss Inez”, who had a wide and multi-generational circle of friends, was born in Atlanta on October 11, 1916 as the second child of Albert M. Harbin and Agnes Cuneo Harbin. She married Andrew James Wood in 1934 and moved to Newnan. She is survived by four sons: J. Robert Wood (Gayle) of Marietta, R. Barry Wood (Gwen) of Augusta, A. Gary Wood (Lynne) of Fayetteville, and Alan D. Wood (Kay) of Newnan; eight grandchildren: David Wood, Gregory Wood, and Stephanie Pellock (Jacob), Atlanta; Katrina Wood, Marietta; Allison Wood, Denver, CO; Matthew Wood, Fayetteville; Ansley Wood, Atlanta; and Shelley Clifford (Jon), Newnan; and three great-children: Ashton and Noah Pellock, Atlanta; and Colin Clifford, Newnan.

She is also survived by her sisters Mrs. Agnes Martin of Forest Park and Mrs.

Ruth Smith of Morrow, seven nephews and five nieces. In addition to her parents, she was pre-deceased by her husband, her brothers Albert, Frank, and Lawrence Harbin, and one sister, Mrs. Doris Comer.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Newnan for seven decades where she often played the piano for the worship service prelude and Wednesday night programs. She also taught a youth Sunday school class and kept the nursery for many years.

She was a long-time member of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association. She and her husband owned the Buick and American Motors dealerships in Newnan from 1956 into the 1960s.

With no formal training, Inez was a gifted artist, painting primarily in oils, and musician. Starting in 1949, she hosted the radio program "Memory Melodies" on WCOH-AM where she sang and played popular songs.

She was the valedictorian of Russell High School in East Point, Ga. and attended Cox College. She retained a life-long interest in history and literature which were refreshed through voracious reading and foreign travel. One of most cherished experiences was a trip to Israel and Egypt in 1972 which she recalled as affording her the priceless privilege of walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. She traveled to England, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Turkey, Greece and Egypt on subsequent trips with her son Barry and his wife Gwen.

She loved the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, alma maters of several of her children and grandchildren, and Newnan High Cougars, alma mater of her four sons and where her son Alan had a 20-year tenure as principal . She loved animals, particularly numerous cats she adopted, and took great pride in her city's history and progress. She was extraordinarily proud that all her children and grandchildren are college graduates and that her all daughters-in-law are teachers.

She spent her last four years at the nursing and rehabilitation center (formerly Beaulieu nursing home) where in prior years she and her close friend, Mrs. Flossie Rainwater, often played the piano and sang for its residents. On other

occasion they performed for church groups and, along with Allan Rainwater, performed music and ministered to Coweta County inmates.

She was a student of the Bible and exhibited an abiding faith in the grace of the Lord God and His eternal salvation through the crucifixion of our Savior, Jesus Christ, deeply rooted beliefs which she shared freely and often with others.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

For those who wish to do so, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her honor may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Newnan, 33 Greenville St., Newnan, Ga. 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ We are sorry for your loss. Miss Inez was a very special lady and will be missed. Lynn & W. L.

Lynn Porter - February 08, 2009 at 11:22 PM

MD

“ When I was a teenager I loved Miss Inez like a mother. She was so good to me. I spent many a night with her when she lived on Greenville St. We had so many talks in her kitchen and in her piano room. She was always there for me when I needed someone. I enjoyed going back to visit her the older I got. Always so wise! I think of her all the time because I too have a painting of hers hanging on my wall. I'm a better person for having Miss Inez in my life and a mentor when I needed it the most. Thank you, Miss Inez

Marcia Dees - February 06, 2009 at 10:47 AM

AM

“ Alan, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss. God bless you and your family.

Art Murphy - February 05, 2009 at 12:12 AM

KH

“ Dear Mr. Alan, "Miss" Kay, Shelley and Ansley, I would like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss of "Miss" Inez...my childhood memories are filled with birthday parties where she was present, trips to her home on Jackson Street (where she would let us take a gift home with us out of one of her special "gift drawers") and the many family gatherings you all included me in. I know I don't have to tell you what a special lady she was...everyone knew that. I was blessed to have known her and to have been shaped by her love and the examples she set for all of us growing up. She will be missed, and I hope you all will be comforted by the thoughts and prayers that so many will be lifting up for you. Much love, Kelly (Maddux) Hines

Kelly Maddux Hines - February 03, 2009 at 12:59 PM

SS

“ Dear Alan, My Mom was across from your Mom before she went home to be with the Lord in 2007. Miss Inez was a joy and it was so great to see her caring for her roommates. She always had a smile for everyone. You and Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you now and in the days ahead. In His Love, Syble H. Storey

Syble Holdbrooks Storey - February 03, 2009 at 05:24 AM

DL

“ I have so many precious memories of Miss Inez. It seems like yesterday that I was sitting in her huge kitchen in her house on Greenville Street listening to her tell many fascinating stories. It was always a treat to hear her play the piano--man she could tear it up! She was so full of life and her smile and laughter was delightful. I know one thing for sure--she loved her 4 boys and talked about them all of the time. She was a character and will be greatly missed.. It is an honor that I have one of her paintings hanging in my home in Tn. My life has been richer by knowing Miss Inez.

Donna Horne Lundy - February 02, 2009 at 11:35 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Inez was a wonderful lady that my husband and I will never forget. She played the piano for our wedding reception in 1991. That was a natural choice especially since I listened to her play in that same fellowship hall during Wednesday night dinners while I was growing up. I have many fond memories of her. I know she will be missed. You have our sympathy.

Debra Hawk Gourley - February 02, 2009 at 11:30 PM

DC

“ My sincerest condolences to the entire Wood family on the passing of Ms. Inez. I fondly remember her sharp wit, that she always ready with a smile and her voice of encouragement toward all. She will be missed but her legacy strongly lives on in her children and their families.

Dan Coleman - February 02, 2009 at 03:45 PM

KL

“ I have many happy memories of Ms. Inez when I worked in the Tag Office and she would visit. She brought fried pies and wonderful stories of her life. She will be sorely missed. She was loved. Kay Luster

Kay Luster - February 02, 2009 at 03:02 PM

MM

“ Bob, My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Should you need a friend, I am here for you.

MAMIE MORRIS - February 02, 2009 at 01:54 PM

ST

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. From everyone at Southeastern Partners, please accept our sympathy and condolences.

Stephen Thomas - February 02, 2009 at 01:29 PM

DJ

“ Alan and Kay, our family was so sad to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful, happy, energetic lady that will be greatly missed. Alan, you were such a devoted son and she was blessed to have you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Delia and Lane Jackson

Delia Jackson - February 02, 2009 at 12:39 PM

CA

“ to the alan wood families--we are so sorry for your loss of your mother when thanksgiving comes around i will always think of her what a wonderful life she had-----she was so proud of her family!!
charlene

charlene and steve atkinson - February 02, 2009 at 11:05 AM

SH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. Miss Inez was a talented, spunky lady.

Sue Y. Hunter - February 02, 2009 at 10:23 AM

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Sue Y. Hunter - February 02, 2009 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Miss Inez was the last of the Greenville Street group. My mother so enjoyed the card games, suppers and trips with Miss Inez, Mrs. Duncan and the rest of the group.

Mary Kathryn Wright - February 02, 2009 at 10:11 AM

SP

“ Alan and Family, Very sorry for your loss, my God continue to pour his Blessings upon you during this difficult time. Sherry

Sherry Plusktoa - February 02, 2009 at 08:25 AM

AJ

“ Allan and Kay, I am not sure you will remember us, but I remember you and Miss Inez well. I was Alice Cobb, married to Ralph Cobb and our children were Tony and Diane Cobb. We lived on Camilla Circle and were active at First Methodist. I have thought of Miss Inez and you often over the years. I loved to hear her play the piano. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Alice Cobb Jones.

Alice Jones - February 02, 2009 at 07:56 AM

DJ

“ Alan and Kay, We are so sorry to hear about Miss Inez passing. We have many memories of her at Church. I also remember her working at the Buick place. She was a joy to be around.

Don and Mildred Jones - February 02, 2009 at 07:49 AM

LD

“ Dear Alan, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. When you and I were growing up she was always such a joy to be around. My thoughts are with you and your family during this sad time. Larry

Larry Dye - February 01, 2009 at 06:15 PM

RB

“ Miss Inez was a beautiful and Godly woman and a second mother to me in high school and early college. She always had food and a kind word to give you no matter at what time of the day and night she saw you. She not only had her home open to her own family but even to all of the strays that would show . I have been to Newnan on numerous occasions and always had the intention to take the drive to visit her but never thought I had the time. I apologize to her and to the rest of the family for not taking the time. It would have done more for me than for her, to let her know how much I appreciated her excitement, enthusiasm and zest for life. I'm sorry I can't make the visitation or funeral but please know that our hearts will be with you. Everyone who met Miss Inez went away a better person and I would like to think I will remember her kindness forever.

Robin and Harriette Bohannon - February 01, 2009 at 04:06 PM

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Robin and Harriette Bohannon - February 01, 2009 at 04:01 PM

AH

“ Alan and Kay, Shelby and I were truly saddened to learn of Miss Inez' passing. We send heartfelt condolences. Both of our daughters, Susan and Ruth, still talk about their 9th grade Sunday School classes with Miss Inez and how much they learned about the Bible and how she made the class fun as well. I also remember having the honor to teach her Sunday School class several years later and how much she added to the discussion each Sunday. She will be missed greatly.

Al Henry - February 01, 2009 at 03:32 PM

JK

“ My condolences to the family, Bobby is a classmate, Newnan High School Class of '58.....Joe Kidd

joe kidd - February 01, 2009 at 11:30 AM

HC

“ Our friend will be greatly missed. She enriched the lives of so many.

Howard and Charlotte - February 01, 2009 at 10:15 AM

RG

“ Alan, So sorry to hear of Miss Inez passing. I can remember our childhood and how all the mothers were allowed to discipline the kids when they were bad. My thoughts are with you and all your family in this time of sorrow.

richard glover - February 01, 2009 at 10:03 AM

AG

“ Dear Wood Family: My sincerest condolences to all of you. I have many, many fond memories of Inez and you men in the family. Sharing family fun, going places together, great meals, making homemade ice cream and lots of other times when her genuine love of life shone on those around her. I'm glad I got the opportunity to stop in and visit her several years ago while in Newnan. She was, as ever, gracious and joyful. Time has a way of softening the accuracy of our memories but I will always remember Inez as a woman embodying qualities most people find elusive: sincerity, gentleness, warmth, and a true affection for those who were fortunate enough to be a part of her living days. God be with each of you. Love, Al

Alan Griggs - February 01, 2009 at 09:20 AM

JF

“ Even though I have not seen her since I left Newnan in 1966, I have very fond memories of "Miss Inez" having grown up with Gary and visited their home many times. She was always so full of energy and made you feel welcomed. What a long and marvelous life she led. My sincerest condolences to Gary, Alan, and the entire family.

Jimmy Ferrell - January 31, 2009 at 11:46 PM

DC

“ I have great memories of Miss Inez and times at the Wood home. I also remember the close friendship she had with my Mom. Please accept my heart-felt sympathy for your loss. Dennis Collier

Dennis Collier - January 31, 2009 at 09:34 PM