



Joan Marie Lester

July 21, 1941 - December 15, 2023

Joan Marie Head Lester, age 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Westhill Assisted Living, in Newnan, surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born on July 21, 1941, in Rock Mills, AL, one of nine children to the late Gaut and Iowa Mitchum Head.

Along with her parents, Joan is preceded in death by her siblings, Junior Head, Bill Head, Marjorie Llewellyn, Bob Head, and Eris Hendricks. Joan is survived by her husband of 64 years, Perry Eugene (Gene) Lester, and children, Selina McClendon, Pam Brockman and her husband Ken, and Gena Evans and her husband Mike. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jason Wallace, Mitch McClendon (Kimberly), K.P. Brockman (Shelly), Ashley Bell (Marvin), Katie Nash (Eric), Lauren Evans, Wil Abraham (Katy), Faith Pearson (Mike), Lauren Monda (Conner), her sisters, Edith Adamson (Gene), Nancy Hill (Sammy), her brother, Jim Head (Sheila) and 15 great-grandchildren.

Losing a wife of 64 years, a kind, giving mother and a wonderful fun-filled Granny is one of the most heartfelt losses a family can feel. However, we are so blessed that Joan dedicated her life to her family and her "babies", both near and far. Regardless of the distant relation, she knew all cousins, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren and never lost track of one. Her "babies," regardless of age, 84 or newly born, were her life. Her

"babies" extended to many who she taught in school at Maggie Brown and Ruth Hill Elementary, daycares in Newnan and also those of us at home. She asked about her babies every day until she passed, never worrying about herself. She was a caring and giving nurturer, teacher, grandmother, mother and friend. She will always love her "babies" a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck.

The funeral service remembering Joan's life is Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with her brother, Jim Head officiating. A burial will follow the service at Randolph Memory Gardens in Roanoke, AL at 3:00 PM Eastern Time. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 11:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Flowers are welcome, but those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Joan's name may do so to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Randolph Memory Gardens

64930 Highway 22
Roanoke, AL 36274

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



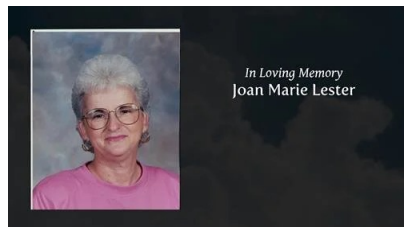
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Joan Marie Lester*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 21, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Marie Lester*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 20, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Condolences to Pam and her siblings on the passing of your mother.*

Austin Camp - January 05, 2024 at 01:10 PM

FF

“ Sending condolences to the family of Joan during this difficult time. I had the pleasure of working with Joan in the Afterschool program. She was such a delight. May God comfort you during this difficult time.



Francis Futral - December 22, 2023 at 04:29 PM

LK

“ Laura K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Marie Lester.

Laura K. - December 20, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TS

“ A very sweet lady who always had a wonderful smile!

Tim Shoemake - December 20, 2023 at 06:04 PM

AH

“ Ann Headstream lit a candle in memory of Joan Marie Lester



Ann Headstream - December 20, 2023 at 08:55 AM

AH

“ Joan and I worked together at Ruth Hill School and Atkinson Elementary afterschool program. She was a kind, lovely lady who had the sweetest smile and wonderful presence. I will always treasure the time we had together.

Ann Headstream - December 20, 2023 at 08:54 AM

FF

“ From Bo & Jan, Lisa & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Marie Lester.



From Bo & Jan, Lisa & family - December 19, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ From Bo & Jan, Lisa & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Marie Lester.

From Bo & Jan, Lisa & family - December 19, 2023 at 09:39 PM

GW

“ Gena, I am so sorry to read about your mother's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences.



Geraldine Welch - December 19, 2023 at 06:26 PM

JZ

As one of Aunt Joan's great nieces, I was blessed enough to be one of her "babies". As were all 3 of my girls. She will always hold a special place in my heart. Prayers and love to the rest of the family and sweet Uncle Gene.

Jessica (Jessi) Zuelke - December 19, 2023 at 10:06 PM

MH

“What sweet memories I have of a sweet aunt who loved to read -- and who loved to read books with beautiful covers. She delighted us all with quirks we can all cite, including the horror of the mere consideration of eating dessert on a dinner plate. I’m recalling a discussion with her about Emily Dickinson’s poetry and her regard for it. And today I am thinking of these words in her memory:

Hope is the Thing with Feathers
Emily Dickinson

*“Hope” is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops - at all -*

*And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard –
And sore must be the storm –
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -*

*I’ve heard it in the chillest land –
And on the strangest Sea –
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.*

Monica Hill - December 19, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Lester.



December 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Lester.*



December 19, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Pamela Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Marie Lester.*

Pamela Moore - December 19, 2023 at 02:16 PM