



## Joanna Rebecca McDonald

September 21, 1943 - December 6, 2024

Mrs. Joanna Strickland McDonald passed away Friday December 6, 2024, peacefully at her home. She was surrounded by her family, friends and her beloved Yorkie, Toby. Born September 21, 1943 at Newnan Hospital in Newnan, Georgia to the late George N. Strickland and Rebecca Colquitt Strickland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben (Bennie) McDonald and her sister Emelie Strickland.

Joanna graduated in 1961 from Newnan High School and Macon Hospital School of Nursing in 1964. Immediately following graduation, she started her nursing career in the Emergency Room at Macon Hospital, which would later become The Medical Center of Central, in Macon, Georgia. Joanna's career spanned 30+ years, all in the Emergency Room at The Medical Center, serving as both a charge nurse and director. Joanna met her husband, Ben (Bennie) McDonald in 1972 in the ER where he was employed as a Paramedic. Joanna and Ben shared a love for patient care and each other, lasting 52 years until they were reunited in heaven. Joanna was a kind, loving, compassionate and fair person. She was respected by everyone she came in contact with. She treated everyone equally and had one working motto. "It doesn't matter your age, sex, race or who your parents are; Just do your job." Her greatest joy was her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Ben (Bennie) McDonald (Amber), and,

(Joanna)Rebecca McDonald; Grandchildren Alexa McDonald Hall (Jeff), Allyson McDonald (Sammy Caputo), Emily McDonald; Great-grandchildren Brooklyn Hall, Kayden Hall, Banks Caputo; sisters Sarah Pike, Ann Hudson: Brother (William)Bill Strickland.

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

Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 1:00PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 with Leon Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

DEC 15. 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 Joanna Rebecca McDonald*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - December 15, 2024 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Joanna was my first Nurse Manager in 1975 when I graduated from the MCCG School of Nursing. She was an amazing mentor in the intense environment of an inner city ED on the cusp of EMT development and a new age of advancement in Emergency Medicine. She and Bennie were delightful to know and, while our paths parted many years ago, she has and will always remain a wonderful memory of the people that played a huge role in my career development. Sending Peace, Love and Light to her loved ones.*

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**Sherry Carpenter Popham** - January 08, 2025 at 08:49 AM

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“ *Sarah, Ann, Bill, I am so sorry about your loss of Joanna. I did not know until I read about it yesterday and regret I could not be there. Joanna was special as were you all to my daddy and mother. Daddy and Mr George had a special friendship. My prayers and deepest sympathy to all of you and her children.  
Love, Harriett*

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**Harriett Palmer** - December 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Joanna became everybody’s second mom if you spent any time with her. She was witty and caring. I am sure she has a beautiful home in heaven surrounded by her pets and Big Ben.*

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**Lon Gilbert** - December 14, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanna Rebecca McDonald.*



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December 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *I came to Newnan, Georgia 17 years ago to care for my granddaughters cause I lost my daughter to cancer. While there I started my own residential cleaning company. This was when I was introduced to Joanna and was hired by her to clean her home for her. I become so close to her and considered her one of my best friends and she felt the same about me. I was so lucky to call her my friend she was the kindest, loving, caring, respectful person ever. I have such beautiful memories of her, her sister Sarah and her family that I will cherish forever. Joanna you are now in heaven with your husband. Rest In Peace and will meet up with you again. Love you always ❤️🙏*

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**JoAnne Billia** - December 11, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joanna Rebecca McDonald.*



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December 10, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ *I was privileged to know Johana when her son married my daughter. What matters is that she had a wonderful smile, a love for her heritage and family memories, lovely treasures in her home, love for her pets, and a lovely place to rest and call home. She treasured her past, children, and her family, especially her sister Sarah, who was devoted to her. God bless Ben and Rebecca, Amber, and all those who came to love her!*

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**Donna Liedtke** - December 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM