



## Karen J. Shepard

November 6, 1956 - July 26, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Karen Melbajeon Shepard, age 68, who left this world peacefully on July 26, 2025, in Cartersville, Georgia. Born on November 6, 1956, in Cartersville to the late Wesley Johnson and Ruth Bolden Johnson, Karen was a beloved daughter, mother, and friend whose warmth and spirit touched the lives of all who knew her.

Karen was an outgoing soul who never met a stranger. She had a unique ability to make everyone feel welcome, and her infectious laughter was a delight. With a deep love for nature, she spent countless hours fishing and enjoying the great outdoors. Her talent in the kitchen shone through in her ability to create loving, home-cooked meals that brought friends and family together. Karen was truly the life of the party, known for her generous heart and nurturing spirit. Too many, she was a mother figure, embracing everyone with open arms.

Along with her parents, Karen is preceded in death by the love of her life, Gerald Shepard, and brother Lavada Johnson.

She is survived by her cherished children, Millie Shepard of Senoia, GA, Curt (Heather) Johnson of Senoia, GA, and Bobby (Debora) Johnson of Senoia, GA; grandchildren Abigail, Katelyn, and Gavin Johnson of Senoia, GA, and Nicholas and Kaydin of Sharpsburg, GA, and Michael Jernigan of Sakett Harbor, NY, and Karmyn and Carter Pollard of Senoia, sisters Faye Floyd and Kathy Bramlett of Cartersville, GA.

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

As we say our goodbyes, let us remember the countless ways Karen brightened our lives and carry her memory forward in our hearts.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Kurt, Millie and Bobby,  
I just heard about Jean. I am so sorry for your  
loss. I loved her! We were friends for 35  
years. And I've always loved y'all.  
Rest in peace my dear friend ❤️🙏💜



Lynn - July 29, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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“ Tim and Ashley Johnson purchased the Simply E  
legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karen J.  
Shepard.



Tim and Ashley Johnson - July 28, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen J. Shepard.

July 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Karen J. Shepard.



July 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JH

“ Millie, Curt, & Bobby our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. Jean always a friend rest in peace! Robert & Janice Hannah

janice Hannah - July 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM

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“ Everyone at Scott Hester Heating & Air planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen J. Shepard.

Everyone at Scott Hester Heating & Air - July 28, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ Everyone at Scott Hester Heating & Air purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen J. Shepard.



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“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Karen J. Shepard.



July 28, 2025 at 07:15 AM