



## Kenneth William Couch

March 13, 1965 - July 26, 2014

Kenneth William Couch

1965-2014:

Ken Couch, 49, of Newnan, formerly of Atlanta, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born March 13, 1965 in Newnan to W.C. "Buddy" Couch, Jr. & Gwendolyn Wallace Couch. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ann Duncan Knight & her husband Gene, Paul Wallace, Sr., W.C. "Bill" Couch & Faye Couch.

Ken grew up in Newnan and graduated from Crestwood Christian Academy. He obtained his Bachelor & Masters Degrees from the University of West Georgia. He was a special education teacher for over 27 years and was most recently the Lead Teacher-Special Education at Margaret Harris Comprehensive School in DeKalb County.

A private family service has already been held. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Newnan-Coweta Humane Society, P.O. Box 785, Newnan, GA 30263 or [www.nchsresue.org](http://www.nchsresue.org)

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include parents, Gwen & Buddy Couch; twin brother, Kevin Couch &

wife Julie; nieces, Amber Couch, Autumn Couch; grandmother, JoAnn Wallace; his beloved shih tzu, Buddy; aunts, uncles and numerous cousins.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Previous Events

## Service

**JUL 28.**

A private family service has already been held

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Gwen and Buddy: I am so sorry to hear about your son, Ken. Thinking and praying for your family.*

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**Louise Jackson Duncan** - July 31, 2014 at 05:13 PM

TH

“ *Ken has been one of my closest friends for nearly 20 years. He has always been sort of an angel to me. He knew I needed him as a friend the moment he met me, and through him I have met so many other wonderful people. We have shared so many laughs and so many good times. Seeing myself through his eyes was a blessing I never expected. His respect is one of the most valuable things I have ever possessed. His absence leaves a whole that can never be filled. Goodbye, my friend.*

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**Tom Hogshead** - July 30, 2014 at 12:27 PM

CJ

“ *You will be missed.*

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**Courtney Johnson** - July 29, 2014 at 08:05 PM

RM

“ *I was shocked to hear Ken had passed away and want you and all the family to know we are Praying for all, remember when he and Kevin were in the church growing up to fine young men.*

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**Rev. Dwight L. Moody** - July 29, 2014 at 01:33 AM

FM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Fred & Connie McKoy** - July 28, 2014 at 09:26 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of a wonderful educator and great person. Ken had a great sense of humor and was kind to so many people and was generous with his time if you needed assistance. Ken will be missed by many people including the families of students he taught. Goodbye Ken and God Bless you!  
Rebecca Blanton, former principal at Coralwood Center

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**Rebecca Blanton** - July 28, 2014 at 03:45 PM

ML

“ To the Couch Family, I was so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Ken at Panola Way Elementary. He was an excellent teacher. His leadership and organizational skills were outstanding. Ken touched so many lives in a positive way. When I learned of a job opportunity at another school and I needed to go to the interview during the school day, I didn't have my car that day. Ken gave me his keys and let me take his Explorer to Evansdale for my interview. With Ken's help, I got the job. He always went the extra mile for his students and co-workers. I hope the thoughts, prayers, and shared stories of Ken's many friends and co-workers will help to comfort your family during this difficult time.  
Martha LaMothe

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**Martha LaMothe** - July 28, 2014 at 01:54 PM

CM

“ I was sorry to hear the news of Ken's passing. I worked with him first at Sequoyah Junior High and then at Panola Way in Dekalb County. Ken always teased me that he taught me everything I knew about teaching special ed students. He was a great teacher and Dekalb County was blessed to have him. I know the students and teachers at his current school will miss him greatly. May your family find comfort at this difficult time.

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**Carol Martin** - July 28, 2014 at 12:43 PM

LM

“ Dear Kevin, Julie, Amber and Autumn, I am so sorry to hear of Ken's death. I did not know him but if he was Kevin's brother, then I know that he was a fine person. If I can be of help to you, let me know. Lynne

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**Lynne Maddux** - July 28, 2014 at 12:43 PM

JM

“ Ken was a special person who will be greatly missed. Sp. Education Teacher Heritage, a Dekalb County School

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**Jim Mallory** - July 27, 2014 at 08:33 PM

JH

“ Ken was always a friend as well as an educator. Two of our children spent a few years with him in two different schools in DeKalb County, Ga. One of those is with him in Heaven now. I never worried about them with Ken in "charge". I knew they would receive the best education available for them on their levels. His love for them showed through everything he did. We will greatly miss him but the memories of him with us and our precious daughters will remain with us forever. We know we will see him again one day. I can just picture Ken and our Kenya today taking charge in Heaven. Two good friends back together again. We know that when our precious 19 month old starts school at Margaret Harris, we will look for Ken. We will find his prescence there. Mr. and Mrs. Couch, we loved your son and we will truly miss him. We are better people for having known him. May God be with you as you have to go on without him. I remember once taking our youngest daughter to MH School for a program that Kenya was participating in. When Ken saw us wheel Kimberly in, he immediately ran across the floor saying "There comes the reason I do what I do". And they both loved him as much as we did. He is with our Lord now and there is no more suffering and pain. Only love and happiness and the joy in him reuniting with all his special children who went before him.

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**Judy & Ken Hammett** - July 27, 2014 at 08:24 PM

LP

“ Gwen, Buddy and Kevin, please accept our deepest sympathies. Love y'all.

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**Lisa McElwaney Pike** - July 27, 2014 at 05:55 PM

CS

“ I wanted to let you know how much Ken meant to so many people in the DeKalb County School System. He was a wonderful loving man who loved his kids as much as he loved the adults that he worked with. He always had a smile on his face and kind words for everyone, if not a corny joke. He will be truly missed by so many people. My prayers and thoughts are with all of his family. Cindy Stein

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**Cindy Stein** - July 27, 2014 at 05:39 PM

DR

“ Mr. and Mrs. Couch, I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your son. Ken will certainly be missed, but we will forever feel his presence and influence at Margaret Harris. He gave so much of his life in service to students with disabilities and to families and school staff. May you find comfort and peace in loving memories of Ken.

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**Dr. Cheryl Rhodes** - July 27, 2014 at 05:36 PM

MK

“ Gwen, Buddy, Kevin and family, I am so shocked and sorry to hear that you have lost your beloved son and brother. I am glad that I was able to see you and both boys at Tim's viewing not too many weeks ago. I cannot imagine your sadness and pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Our love to you all. Myra and Wildon Knott

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**Myra knott** - July 27, 2014 at 02:49 PM

LB

“ Gwen and Buddy, I am so sorry to hear about Ken. Your whole family has always been very special to me. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Linda & John Bishop** - July 27, 2014 at 02:38 PM

BS

“ Sorry for your loss. Seems like Ken and Kevin were little boys along with my son Jeff. Love all of you.

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**Brenda Schloemer** - July 27, 2014 at 12:18 PM

JW

“ Buddy, Gwen, Kevin, and family, I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Ken's death. Know that your family is in my prayers.  
James

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**James Williams** - July 27, 2014 at 08:48 AM

MJ

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Ken's passing. I met him many years ago when we went through leadership training at UWGA. His passion for education and the love he felt for his students was genuine and heartfelt. His skill and ability to lead other teachers was remarkable. Take comfort in your precious memories of him and draw on the strength of family and friends to get your through the difficult days ahead. Mary Jenks, Principal Briarlake Elementary School DeKalb Co. GA

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**Mary Jenks** - July 27, 2014 at 08:41 AM

MT

“ Kevin and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ken. I know that he will be deeply missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Monica Thompson** - July 27, 2014 at 07:53 AM

SE

“ Kevin I am so sorry to here about Ken. I think of you and Ken and good times during High School often. I will keep your whole family in my prayers.

Stephanie Hall Ensey - July 27, 2014 at 07:23 AM

BD

“ Buddy and Gwen, you are in my prayers

Betty Davis - July 27, 2014 at 07:06 AM

JY

“ I'm so sorry ms Gwen and mr Buddy for you loss of your son.we love you both very much and will be praying for y'all if you need anything please let me know.you and mr buddy hold a special place in my heart.my God give you strength and comfort during this time.

Jackie Payton yarbrough - July 26, 2014 at 10:23 PM

LO

“ Buddy and Gwen, I am so sorry to hear the news about Ken. Know that your are in our prayers and wished that we could be there with you during this time.

Laurita Olmstead - July 26, 2014 at 06:41 PM

DT

“ We send our deepest sympathy to you, may gods hand guide you, thinking of you and saying a prayer our love always Dwight and Tim

Dwight & Tim - July 26, 2014 at 04:58 PM