



Louise "Lou" Williams

December 3, 1946 - July 24, 2017

Louise Beavers Williams, age 70, died peacefully on Monday, July 24, 2017, at her home in Newnan, GA, surrounded by family.

Alice Louise Beavers was born December 3, 1946, to the late James Addy Beavers, Jr., and Alice Cotton Beavers. She was the granddaughter of the late James Addy Beavers, Sr., and Love Smith Beavers of Newnan and Douglas McCauley Cotton and Margaret Martin Cotton of Nashville, Tennessee.

Lou grew up in Newnan, attending Newnan Public Schools. While at Newnan High School, she was a cheerleader for four years and captain her senior year; a Miss Emyrean contestant every year; Key Club Sweetheart; Homecoming Queen; class officer four years, and recipient of several Senior Superlative honors. Lou had beautiful, red hair, and Lewis Grizzard referred to her in his books as the "Red-headed cheerleader." She was also Grizzard's inspiration for Kathy Sue Loudermilk, a popular figure in his writings. As was said of Lou, "She has a twinkle in her sparkling eyes that always fails to hide the harmless mischief she has been up to." Also "She is endowed with a personality whose warmth bubbles with friendliness."

Later Lou attended The University of Georgia, where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education after which she taught elementary school for several years. While at Georgia,

Lou met her future husband, John Bayless Williams.

Lou and JB were married in 1968 and later had two sons, John Bayless Williams, Jr., and James Douglas Williams. They were members of the Newnan Presbyterian Church for many years.

Lou loved athletics and was an accomplished athlete from the time she attended Athens Y camp at a young age. Later she was an avid tennis player and was a member of the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association. Lou and JB frequently played mixed doubles together. In recent years, Lou became interested in golf and enjoyed frequent golf outings with old friends. When her children were young, Lou could often be found volunteering for various activities at school functions. After her sons married and left home, she delighted in sharing news of her grandchildren, her pride and joy.

Lou is remembered for her caring nature and her kindness and generosity. In her early childhood years, Lou met four girls who would bond and become lifelong friends. These five girls, dubbed by Lou's father as the "Fearsome Fivesome," formed a sisterhood that made them inseparable even to this day. In doing so each discovered the joy of giving and being there for each other. This quality defined Lou's life as she would often have a word of wisdom or do something thoughtful for family and friends. As one person said, "Lou doesn't just have friends. She has an army of friends."

Lou's last years were stressful due to the struggle with a terminal illness and losing her beloved husband. She endured these hardships with dignity and strength. Lou always worried about being a burden to others, but she set an example by facing obstacles with bravery, grace and beauty within.

Lou is survived by sons, John Williams(Julie) and Jamie(Stephanie); grandchildren, Addison Beavers Williams, Catharine Louise Williams, Emily

Louise Williams, and Mack Martin Williams; sister, Love Beavers Williams(Clark); and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She has taken her bright candle and gone into a room I cannot find, but anyone can tell where she's been, by all the little lights she's left behind.

Heartfelt thanks to our caretakers, Wandra Evans, Lakeitha Fryer, Darlene Howard and Viola Howard, who tended Lou with much love during her extended illness and to Homestead Hospice for their professional, compassionate care.

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

The funeral service is Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Dr. Harry Barrow & Rev. Susan Haynes officiating. Interment follow the service at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. The family will receive friends Friday, July 28th at the funeral home from 3 PM until 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Lou's memory to The Heritage School Tennis Program at 2093 Hwy 29 North, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise "Lou" Williams.*



January 26, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *I miss you*

Roy - April 15, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Love, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you all during your time of sadness and loss.
Most fondly,
Bob and Jenni Blackburn*

Bob Blackburn - July 31, 2017 at 01:05 PM

DS

“ Lou I am so sorry I am so late saying anything about your passing! It seems like only a few weeks ago back in September of 1960 when all of us from the Moreland Elementary came to Newnan High School! We did not know what to expect for back then very few of us knew anything at all about Newnan. You were one of the very first people that I met and you were so very nice! We were in the same Home Room that first year. A couple of years later I was on the Football Team and you were out there at each and every game we played jumping up and down waving those Pom Pom's and Cheering us on! It meant very much to us Fools that were on that field getting our Brains knocked out to have you Girls Cheering for us! Yelling! "Hold that Tiger" Hold that Tiger" I did not realize it at that time that you Girls worked just as hard as we did! Out in the Hot Sun day after day practicing over and over! Being a Cheer Leader was something that almost every girl in School Dreamed of but only the Very Best, Most Dedicated and Hard Working were selected and you were One of those few! Life has gone by so very quickly! Remember when we thought someone that was 30 years old was was ancient! Now all of us from the Class of 1964 or 70 or more and slowly passing the baton on to our Children and Grand Children! I do hope to see you again in the Here After, that is if they do not send me in the other direction, I have certainly built up enough points to go that way! Surely they will give me a couple of visiting days each year!

Love
Dudley Stamps

Dudley Stamps - July 30, 2017 at 08:35 PM

CB

“ John I am so sadden by the death of your Mom, I have known Lou from school and dancing with Miss Alberta. I know your family will miss her so much and I send blessings to each of you. Sorry I could not be with you and your family today. Will be in touch soon.
Carlene

Carlene Adcock Bohannon - July 29, 2017 at 09:25 AM

SC

“ To Jamie, John and the Williams family, your friends at NuAire extend you our heart-felt sympathies as you say good-bye to your Mother and Grandmother, Lou. She is together again now with JB. We will cherish our memories of both of them always! May God Bless You! Scott Christensen/NuAire Inc.

Scott Christensen - July 28, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise "Lou" Williams.



July 27, 2017 at 10:05 PM

SS

“ To Margaret "Love" and the Williams family I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Love, you are in my thoughts and prayers in the loss of your sister. May God give you the comfort and strength that only He can during this time of sorrow. I will not be able to attend the service but you will be in my prayers. Love You,
Syble Storey

Syble Holdbrooks Storey - July 26, 2017 at 09:07 PM

EC

“ I grew up with Louise and remember her fondly, We had great times at NHS back then.

Our families were great friends too and went to Sea Island together every summer,

Louise and I would sneak over to St, Simmons in the car, even though I didn't have a drivers license, My sympathy to the family.

ED COLE

STARKVILLE MISSISSIPPI

ED COLE - July 26, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JW

“ John, Magda and Natalia Warthen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louise "Lou" Williams.



John, Magda and Natalia Warthen - July 26, 2017 at 11:28 AM

WW

“ Sending my deepest condolences to you all. It was my joy and honor to care for such a loving person. Lou will forever be in my thoughts and heart.

Wandra Williams- Evans

Wandra Williams-Evans - July 26, 2017 at 07:30 AM

FF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lou. Our prayers are with all the family.

Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - July 25, 2017 at 10:05 AM

PB

“ Dear Williams Family...Our Hearts are broken at the terrible loss of your beautiful Mother, your loving Mimi and your amazing Sister. She will be remembered fondly by all whose lives she touched with her Southern charm, grace and kindness. Lou was truly a very, very special lady.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Patti and Steve Brekke

Patti O'Malley Brekke - July 25, 2017 at 07:24 AM

SC

“ Dearest Lou,
You were so sweet and loving to me during our friendship when and after my living in Newman. I will always your words of wisdom and truth. You were a wonderful Christian woman who was consistent with her love through cards and letters, her gifts of messages written on pillows, and the Louis Grizzard books she would send me. She made my every Christmas!

Lou, I have missed you so much since I moved away from Newman. You made me know what a real friendship is like. I will continue to love you and your happiness with JB. Now you two are together, and that makes me happy.

Thank you Jesus that we will all be together in the hereafter, and we can laugh again like we used to.

I will love you and miss you as I have in the past. Sally Benson
Cavanaugh

Sally Benson Cavanaugh - July 25, 2017 at 05:29 AM

LH

“ Dear Love - I was so saddened to hear about Louise. The obituary was beautifully written and exemplified the wonderful life she lived and her love for others. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and all the family. I know what it is like to lose a sister. Margaret was not only a sister, but also a best friend. May God comfort the family and help you to find peace in the fact that she is at rest and no longer suffering.

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Hughie

Liz Hughie - July 24, 2017 at 09:22 PM

MV

“ We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Lou was a friend to everyone and everyone loved her in return. She will be greatly missed.

Phil and Mary Anna Vincent

Mary Anna B Vincent - July 24, 2017 at 08:06 PM

SM

“ John and Julie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Praying for peace for you and family. Love y'all.

Steve Mapel - July 24, 2017 at 06:09 PM

JR

“ Heartfelt sympathy to John, Jamie and their families. My husband, Harry and my son, Chris built Lou and J.B.'s home at Lake Redwine, it was such an honor and joy getting to know them. Lou is now at peace, no more suffering and with her beloved J.B..

Judy Rivers - July 24, 2017 at 12:54 PM