



Marie Anne Mathias

April 2, 1938 - October 9, 2024

Mrs. Marie Anne (Schutttert) Mathias, 86, of Newnan, Georgia passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 2, 1938 in Queens, NY to the late Otto Schutttert and Matilda (Jurgens)Schutttert. Marie was preceded in death by Gordon Mathias, her husband of 65 years, by a mere four days, joining her younger brother, Louis J. Schutttert in the presence of Jesus.

Marie grew up in NYC surrounded by many cousins, aunts, and uncles. Her family relocated to Miami, Florida while Marie was in High School. Showing her lifelong love of learning, Marie excelled in school at Miami Senior High School, skipping two grades and graduating with honors at the age of 16. She matriculated in college part-time and began working at Eastern Airlines so she could help support her family.

Marie met her husband Gordon while working at Eastern Airlines on a blind date at the bowling alley. It was a true love match as Marie and Gordon got engaged 6 weeks later, much to her father's chagrin. They married on January 24, 1959, and were true partners in life and death.

They raised three children, Mark, Michael, and Bridget, helped many people in their community, and doted on 10 beautiful grandchildren. Marie and Gordon enjoyed working together no matter the task. Gordon often served as her

handyman at home on a construction project or helped out at Trinity Christian School where Marie enjoyed working as a kindergarten teacher, setting up her classroom, hanging shelves, and even building the school playground.

While raising her children, this lifelong learner attended Florida Atlantic University, the University of Miami, the University of West Georgia, and Clayton State College, pursuing a degree in accounting and education, which she never quite finished. Always an independent thinker, Marie accumulated 150 college credits, from classes that interested her but didn't happen to match the school's inconvenient degree requirements. A competitive overachiever, 50-year-old Marie formed study groups to teach the young 20-year-olds because she said the professors "didn't know how to teach."

Throughout her life, Marie's faith in God was always the center of her life. As a little girl, she would faithfully walk her younger brother Louis to the Lutheran church every Sunday. In confirmation classes, she heard the good news about Jesus and made a commitment at age 13 to follow Christ all her life—a commitment that never wavered.

As Marie grew in her faith, she learned about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and enjoyed more charismatic worship. A lifelong student of the Word of God, she prayed for many in need, led others to Christ (including her husband), and served the church in many leadership capacities. She served on the Christian education and women's ministry boards, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, sang in the choir, and led the local Missionettes chapter.

Marie is survived by her sons, Mark (Grace) of Newnan, Michael (Mary) of Lawrenceville, and daughter, Bridget (Richard) of Virginia Beach, VA; grandchildren Paul, Rachel, Matthew, Mason, Jonathan, Megan, Gordon, Louis, Dani, and Conrad; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Marie and her husband, Gordon, will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 11:00 am at Trinity Church, 8817 Highway 54 W, Sharpsburg, GA 30277, with the Rev. Mark Anthony officiating. A lunch reception will follow in "The Gathering Place" at the church. Inurnment will be at a later date at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions be made to Trinity Church and Trinity Christian School where Marie and Gordon served.

You can use this link: <https://tcslions.org/giving>

1. Click on "I would like to dedicate this gift in honor/memory of."
2. Enter Gordon or Marie Mathias.
3. Use the scroll-down menu to select "Scholarship Fund."
4. Follow the prompts.

Note: Each gift is restricted and used specifically as directed by the donor.

For questions, contact Ashley De La Cruz at ashley.delacruz@tri-church.com.

To express condolences online, please visit www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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Newnan, GA 30263
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Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Church
8817 Hwy 54
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall



“ Marie, our father’s cousin, was a wonderful woman. She was always a woman of faith, filled with compassion for others. She & Matt were very gracious and supportive of our family. We had many family gatherings while they lived in Miami. Marie was always the keeper of family history and kept in touch with everyone. She will be missed. With Love, Cathy & Scott Calta.

Cathy Calta - October 12, 2024 at 08:10 PM