



Marilyn Eugenia Cross Hockaday

November 2, 1948 - October 24, 2012

Marilyn Preston Cross-Hockaday passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. She was born on November 2, 1948 in Atlanta, Georgia to parents Callie Elrod Preston & James Albert Preston. She was elected Miss Stay & See East Point 1966. She was a graduate of Headland High School in East Point (1966) and California State University-Northridge (1977).

Marilyn spent much of the first half of her life in Atlanta where she worked for Georgia State University, managed Reflections Art Gallery, and later founded MPC Arts. She spent the next 25 years as a devoted mother in Franklin, Tennessee. Always the caregiver, listener, and strength to her family, her smile and presence lit up the room and were a hallmark of a happy life.

Later she returned to the Atlanta area to care for her parents. There, she met and fell in love with husband, Dean with whom she shared the last few joyful years.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Hockaday; daughter, Lindsay Cross; son, Trevor Cross (Bonnie); granddaughter, Miriam Cross; parents, J.R. & Callie Sowell; siblings, Cindy Morgan, Jimmy Preston, Renee Sherrer, and Randy Sowell. Preceding her in death was father, James A. Preston.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. Rev. Gary Cunningham will officiate.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to The American Society of the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals 424 East 92nd St. New York, NY 10128.

McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan Ga, 30263 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Service

OCT 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dean I am very sorry for your loss. May god help you through this difficult time.

Sharon Brown - October 31, 2012 at 05:29 PM

SR

“ To all of Marilyn's family, I don't know many of you, but I am Jay and Callie's hospice nurse. I did know Marilyn and am so sorry for all of the family's loss. We are here if you need anything. God bless you all, Suzanne Bryan R.N. Embracing Hospice

Suzanne Bryan R.N. - October 30, 2012 at 09:20 PM

JR

“ Trevor, There are just no words to say those things deepest in our hearts. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Jackie and Jason Reed

Jackie & Jason Reed - October 28, 2012 at 11:21 PM

RC

“ Dean, I am saddened to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if I can do anything at all for you. Rich

Rich Cudworth - October 28, 2012 at 11:04 AM

SW

“ Dean, I was so sorry to hear about Marilyn. I am so glad you two found each other to share your lives together. You were each others support. I will be at work here at HD during the memorial. When I heard the news, I began praying for you and your family. Please know so many of us care about you and are here for you if you need us.

Susan R. White - October 28, 2012 at 11:01 AM

MR

“ Dear Trevor, Bonnie, Miriam, M and Lyndsay I know your hearts are broken as is ours. We love you and send you (((HUGS)))

Michelle and Mark Reed - October 27, 2012 at 06:47 PM

RF

“ Jay Callie and Family We are very sorry for your loss.
Randy, Sandy, Wes and Nicci

Randy Faires - October 27, 2012 at 06:21 PM

KF

“ To the family: Marilyn was not just a co-worker to me, she was a friend. A kind, funny, genuine person who never met a stranger and welcomed every customer into our store with sincere warmth and interest in their needs. There are many people that are all the better for having known her. And many who's hearts are less complete with her passing.

Kathy Fennern - October 27, 2012 at 05:55 PM

RL

“ Dean, i am so very sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you and your family. Sincerely Randy

randy langford - October 27, 2012 at 04:21 PM

JM

“ Dean, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that God has you in his arms.

Janese Marshall - October 27, 2012 at 04:12 PM

PD

“ Dean, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were very much saddened to hear of Marilyn's death. Please let us know if you need anything. Paul

Paul Dishburger - October 27, 2012 at 04:08 PM

LH

“ mr.dean i am so sorry for your loss,you are in my prayers.there are no words that can bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.if there is anything i can do to help you please let me know.god bless you and your family.

Lauri Hollingsworth - October 27, 2012 at 03:57 PM

JW

“ Dear Treavor, Bonnie, Miriam and Lindsay, We are so shocked and saddened by this news. We offer our most sincere condolences and are so sorry not to join you in Newnan for the funeral. Sincerely, Jim & Anne Walton

Jim & Anne Walton - October 27, 2012 at 03:45 PM

JS

“ Trevor, We are so sorry for your loss. We want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences, John and Jennifer

John and Jennifer Sisco - October 27, 2012 at 02:34 PM

KP

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at such a sad time. Marilyn will always hold a special place in our hearts. I will miss you and think of you often sweet girl. Love, Karen. James, Lori and Kelsey preston

Karen, James, Lori and Kelsey preston - October 27, 2012 at 01:19 PM

TG

“ Dear Trevor, We are so sorry to here about your mother's passing. She was always so young at heart and a very caring sweet person. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With heavy hearts, Toni and Lee Grogan Franklin, Tn.

Toni Grogan - October 27, 2012 at 01:11 PM