



Marla Paradise Brandenburg

February 21, 1957 - July 11, 2024

Mrs. Marla Paradise Brandenburg, 67, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 11, 2024, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on February 21, 1957, in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Svanhilde Cobb Paradise and Jerry Wilder Paradise. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Joel Milton Paradise, and nephew Noah Milton Paradise.

Marla lived an extraordinary life and was deeply loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She spent her early childhood in the Sandtown community of south Atlanta where her time was split between chores on her family farm and hitting home runs in her cutoff overalls as a member of the Kountry Kousins softball team. It was nearly impossible to convince her to come inside as she was most at home in the great outdoors. In fact, she was gifted her first gun at age 6 so she could hunt with her father. However, she fulfilled her mother Swanie's wishes by reluctantly taking piano lessons and enduring an annual recital at the College Park Women's Club.

While most middle schoolers would have a tough time moving to the small, tight-knit town of Newnan, GA, Marla transitioned seamlessly and won over everyone she met - you would have never known she wasn't a born and bred Newnanite. She attended Newnan High School where she again displayed

her versatility both on the basketball court and as a trombonist for the Marching Cats before graduating in 1975.

Marla was a graduate of the University of West Georgia earning her B.B.A. degree in Marketing in 1980 which enabled her to travel the US selling industrial time clock systems with Lathem Time Recorder Company. This first job ignited her love of travel and she soon transitioned to Delta Airlines where she took full advantage of the flight benefits to see the world.

The remainder of her earthly time was spent focusing on her passions which included family, cooking, and serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her support and love as a wife and mother knew no bounds. Her chicken pot pie could solve any problem and cure any illness. Marla's walk with Christ set an example for others as she always found an opportunity to share the gospel and uplift everyone she met.

The funeral is Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the main sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Newnan, 15 West Washington St, Newnan, GA with Reverend Lee Chitwood officiating. Please wear pearls of any form to the service as you could always count on Marla and her pearls. A reception will follow the service. The visitation is Saturday evening, July 27, 2024, between 6:00 and 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com .

Marla had a heart for music and missions at her church and often supported children with financial barriers to attending mission trips or camp. Rather than flowers or food donations, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Marla Brandenburg Memorial Music and Missions Fund. Make your checks payable to First Baptist Church of Newnan with the memo specifying "Marla Brandenburg Memorial Music and Missions Fund". You may make your contribution at the visitation or memorial service. Alternatively, you may mail

your contribution to FBC Newnan at 15 West Washington St, Newnan, GA 30263.

Survivors include husband, Harley Bryant Brandenburg of Newnan, GA; daughter, Dr. Chandler Paradise Brandenburg of Savannah, GA; nephew, Billyjoel Wilder Paradise, and family of Graham, AL; cousin, Allison Cobb Long, and family of Mount Pleasant, SC; uncle, Perry Long of Grantville, GA.

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marla Paradise Brandenburg*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 23, 2024 at 09:01 AM

RB

I was so saddened to just learn of Marla's passing. I worked with her at Delta in Marketing. She was a precious soul! A friend to all! Prayers of comfort and peace to Bryant, Chandler and all who knew and loved her.

Rhonda Brooks - October 30, 2024 at 02:53 PM

KJ

*I knew Marla when we shared a triple dorm room in the beautiful Ford buildings at Berry College with Agnes Bowen. That would have been about 1975. 50 years later I still think of her as an unexpected source of love and sunshine in my life. I have distinct memories of her devotion to her family as she sometimes invited me home for the weekend as she helped her mama deep clean their lovely house from top to bottom every Saturday. Hers was the only family I knew of that laundered towels after just one use. Funny what sticks. She was a force of nature and larger than life. I wish there were some videos posted as photos do not convey why people gravitated to her. We lost touch and I often wondered how she was doing. Now I know, too late to tell her what she meant to me. I'm sorry for your terrible loss.
Karen Graue Jones*

Karen Graue Jones - November 20, 2024 at 01:28 AM

MF

“ I am beyond sad to learn of Marla's passing. Marla worked with me as a Marketing Coordinator at Delta Air Lines. She was absolutely the one person that put a smile on my face every day that I came to work. She had the kindest heart and the best sense of humor. I was just going through some old momentos and came across a book that Marla had given me "On Success". Like her, the book had some very wise advice. Chandler must have grown up to be wiser than most because she had a mom certainly was. I could not pass this page without adding to the great tributes made by others. Clearly, Marla was a very special person and my heart goes out to her family.

michelle fry - April 21, 2025 at 04:52 PM

MS

“ Bryant, I am so sorry I will not be at Marla's service this afternoon. It broke my heart when I found out Marla had died. If love could have saved her she would have lived forever!
She was truly one of the most special people I have met here on my stay on planet earth. I was privileged and honored to know her, to have worked with her and to have called her my friend. Sending you and Chandler prayers of comfort and support. Love Marie

Marie Schnelle - July 28, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LM

“ Love and compassion, Candace Murbach purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marla Paradise Brandenburg.



Love and compassion, Candace Murbach - July 24, 2024 at 08:05 PM

LM

“ Love and compassion, Candace Murbach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla Paradise Brandenburg.

Love and compassion, Candace Murbach - July 24, 2024 at 08:05 PM

KL

“ Mrs. Marla was one of my favorite customers at the Coweta Farmers Market. I'm saddened that she passed away. She always had that beautiful smile and great disposition, and she just brightened my day anytime she came by to say hello.

Kim and Richard Littleton

Kim and Richard Littleton - July 16, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RW

“ Bryant and Chandler, I was so sorry to hear of Marla's passing. I met her years ago when we were still in Newnan and Chandler and our daughter both attended Northside. After I heard of Marla's cancer diagnosis, I have kept her in my prayers. Please know that you have a village who loved Marla so much and they will continue to pray and support you along your grief journey.
Ruth Jones Warren

Ruth Warren - July 15, 2024 at 12:20 PM

GW

“ May she rest in eternal peace.



Geraldine Welch - July 14, 2024 at 01:57 PM

SC

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened by the passing of Marla. She was such a wonderful person. She always had a big smile on her face and friend to everyone. She was one of the most supportive friends that I had. She had a positive and upbeat attitude. I admired her fierce Christian beliefs and values. One of my favorite parts of shopping at Brothers Ltd was getting to see Marla. She always had a big bear hug for you. Marla, you will be missed and never forgotten!

Sherry Cook - July 14, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ Marsha Dailey lit a candle in memory of Marla Paradise Brandenburg



Marsha Dailey - July 14, 2024 at 01:26 PM

MY

“ Our love and prayers to Bryant and Chandler. May the Lord cover you with comfort and peace in the days ahead. Cherish the memories of an amazing wife, mother, friend and child of God. Marla was a true southern lady so full of life, love and compassion. Always a smile on her face and kind, encouraging words for everyone she came in contact with. She will be missed but now she is dancing the streets of heaven and rejoicing with her Savior, family and friends. With love, Mike and Bev Yeager Family

Mike&Bev Yeager - July 14, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JW

I'm so sorry to hear of Marla's passing. Thinking of you all in these difficult days. RIP.

Jennifer Welch - July 14, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TM

So sorry to hear of Marla's passing. She was always such a positive, upbeat person. Prayers for you all.

Tina Marsh - July 14, 2024 at 07:03 PM