



## Martha Purcell Gresham

July 23, 1946 - February 25, 2024

Martha Purcell Gresham, 77, of Newnan, GA, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at home surrounded by her husband of 52 years and other family members. She was born on July 23, 1946, in Vidalia, GA, to the late Reedy Beasley Purcell Jr. and Janie Ruth (Overstreet) Purcell.

Martha grew up in Toombs and Tattnall counties with her mother and six siblings. She graduated from Vidalia High School in 1964. Martha moved to Atlanta to work with the U.S. Postal Service where she met Jerry Gresham, whom she married in 1971. Settling in Clayton County, Martha worked both at home and in various capacities with the Federal government, while shuttling her three children to band, baseball, softball, soccer and dance practices, as well as scout and church activities. The family moved to Newnan in 1986 where Martha quickly made friends and became a part of the community. She retired from Federal employment in 2001. She enjoyed her retirement traveling across the U.S. and internationally, playing Bunco, attending book club meetings, joining the antics of the YaYa Sisterhood, the Red Hat Society and her beloved Sweet Potato Queens, sometimes bringing Jerry along for the ride. Martha generously volunteered her time, talents and money for a variety of charities.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 4 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263 with Rev. Robert Long

officiating. The visitation is scheduled for 3 p.m., prior to the service.

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

Survivors include her husband, Jerry of Newnan; sons David (Momoko) Gresham of Normal, IL, and Neill Gresham (Heather Cole) of Columbia, MO; daughter Ashley (Steve) Stollar of Carrollton, GA; grandchildren, Sidney Gresham and Charlotte Stollar; sisters, Janice Collins, Karen Clark and Melinda Yates; brother Larry (Judy) Purcell; brother-in-law Larry (Rita) Gresham; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She leaves behind innumerable friends who were dear to her. Martha was preceded in death by brother, Henry Purcell; sister, Susan Anderson; and brother-in-law Billy Clark.

McKoon Funeral Home & 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

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Martha Purcell Gresham*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 09, 2024 at 03:13 PM

PA

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss! She was so sweet!!*

*Pam with home health*

Pam - March 21, 2024 at 11:02 PM

AG

“ *Alan Humphrey, Vidalia, GA lit a candle in memory of Martha Purcell Gresham*



Alan Humphrey, Vidalia, GA - March 09, 2024 at 06:25 PM

JT

“ *Jan and Mike Teal purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Martha Purcell Gresham.*



Jan and Mike Teal - March 08, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Purcell Gresham.*



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March 07, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Purcell Gresham.*



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March 05, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ *Kim, Mike, Kyle and Matthew McDonald purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Martha Purcell Gresham.*



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**Kim, Mike, Kyle and Matthew McDonald** - March 04, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *Kim, Mike, Kyle and Matthew McDonald planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Martha Purcell Gresham.*

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**Kim, Mike, Kyle and Matthew McDonald** - March 04, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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“ My condolences to the Gresham family. I've known Mrs. Gresham since I was in elementary school, she used to come and get me out of class just to talk. She taught me how to cross stitch but she also was teaching me patience at the same time. I still have a book by Margaret Barnes that she gave me. Mrs. Gresham was a sweet woman and I am going to miss her dearly.

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**Ashley Roberts (Arrington)** - March 02, 2024 at 06:56 PM

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“ Nancy Williamson lit a candle in memory of Martha Purcell Gresham



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**Nancy Williamson** - February 29, 2024 at 03:17 PM