



## Martha Maddox

August 20, 1937 - November 21, 2022

Mrs. Martha Schwab Maddox, 85, of Newnan (formerly of Americus, GA) passed away Monday morning, November 21 at her residence at Benton House (affectionately known as "The Palace" by her and her family). She was born on August 20, 1937 in Alexandria, LA to the late Reverend Alfred Schwab and Irma Chamberlain Schwab. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband(s) Dr. Charles Allen Buhler and Hubert Carter Maddox, as well as her beloved sister, Mary DeVille Rodney of Gulfport, MS.

Martha graduated from Bossier City High School where she was Salutatorian of her class. She then went on to attend Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA where she earned a degree in Nursing. She continued her education by receiving her Masters Degree in Nursing from The University of Florida and, saving the best for last, earning her Doctorate in Nursing Education from Auburn University. Martha was a born teacher and she spent the majority of her career as part of the Nursing faculty at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus. She played a pivotal role in establishing the Nursing BS program at the University and was department chair for many years.

Martha loved her many years living in Americus where she was a very active member of Fellowship Baptist Church and enjoyed being involved in multiple

local organizations including Garden Club, Americus Women's Literary Club, Friends of the Library, Americus Cancer Society (past President), Georgia Southwestern Faculty Wives Club (past President), Americus Civic Chorus, Georgia Nurses Association and numerous other fun, philanthropic and professional organizations.

In addition, Martha was a gourmet cook, voracious reader, world traveler and she loved being Mother of Pearl. Dementia may have stolen her words, but it could not extinguish her love for the Lord, her sense of humor, or her complete devotion to her family.

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, November 23 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Dr. James Ellison and Reverend Gary Parish officiating. Visitation will be held at 10:00 AM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Angels House, P.O. Box 657, Newnan, GA 30264, or Newnan City Church, 7 First Avenue, Newnan, GA 30263. Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Martha is survived by son, Paul Lipsey (Melissa) of Sharpsburg, and daughter Colleen (Stephen) Sprayberry of Newnan. Her grandchildren whom she loved immensely (and they her) Tyler (Hannah) Lipsey, Clark (Erin) Lipsey, Stephen Sprayberry, Jr. (Trey Pence), and Wallace Sprayberry (Michael Gaytan), along with her great-grandchildren Jonas, Glory, Dottie Rose, Bennett and Davis Lipsey, as well as nephew Tim (Jamie) Rodney of Hattiesburg, MI.

The family would like to express their most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the entire staff of Benton House and Sacred Journey Hospice, as well as Dr. Stan Smith, Dr. Bo Mann and Dr. Eric Mitchell for their continued care for Martha over the past seven years.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Creamtory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, GA

309 Rees Street  
Americus, GA 31709

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Graveside Service

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, GA  
309 Rees Street  
Americus, GA 31709



# Tribute Wall



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



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 23, 2022 at 08:02 AM

NF

“ *Bill and I are saddened to learn of Martha’s passing. We treasured Martha as a valued family member upon her marriage to Bill’s uncle Carter and maintained contact following his death. Our deepest condolences to Martha’s family. Thankful she was able to live close and be well cared for in her final years.*

*Nancy and Bill Futch  
Lakeland, FL*

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**Nancy and Bill Futch** - November 28, 2022 at 09:58 PM

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“ *Martha was one of my first friends when I began teaching at Georgia Southwestern State University. What an endearing and enjoyable wit she was on the various committees where we served together.*

*More importantly, Martha invited my wife and me to visit Fellowship Baptist when we were looking for a new church. We readily became members, charmed by the genuine hospitality of Martha and others in the small congregation. She lives on in our hearts and minds.*

*Tom Wheeler*

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**Tom Wheeler** - November 23, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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“ We loved Martha for her humor and kindness to us and our children, both at Georgia Southwestern and at Fellowship Baptist Church. Hearing her tell a story was a treat--I will never forget the story she told of how her father got to Louisiana from New York. Rest in peace, dear Martha.

Irmgard Schopen-Davis - November 23, 2022 at 05:31 PM

GB

“ My sincere condolences for a tremendous loss. Martha was a mentor and a wonderful friend.  
Sincerely,  
Gwynne. Bolton  
Americus

Gwynne Bolton - November 23, 2022 at 04:25 PM

DD

“ Sending love and lifting prayers for each of you. We know she was an amazing lady that loved her family and her family cherished and loved her right back. We know she will be greatly missed. Love and hugs to you all, Diane and Vandy Davis

Diane Davis - November 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ the Flowers Foods Total Rewards Team purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Martha Maddox.



the Flowers Foods Total Rewards Team - November 21, 2022 at 03:36 PM