



Mary Carolyn "Pie" Wilson Burson

January 20, 1925 - June 14, 2020

Carolyn Wilson Burson of Newnan, Georgia passed away peacefully on June 14, 2020, at the age of 95. The consummate southern lady, Mrs. Burson, known almost her entire life as Pie, was a pillar of her church, Central Baptist Church of Newnan, where she attended Sunday school since she was 3 years old and sang in the children's choirs and the adult choir. Miss Pie was the matriarch of the Burson family and a source of strength, compassion and devotion to her family and friends. Above all she was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Miss Pie was born January 20, 1925, in Pensacola, Florida, to the late Leonard Suttle Wilson and Lura Maude Toliver, the fourth of five children. Her family moved to Newnan when she was 3 years old. After graduating from Newnan High School, she went on to attain a secretarial degree from Draughon School of Commerce in Atlanta. She worked for the Sharp-Horsey Hardware Company but left soon after to work for The War Price and Rationing Board during World War II, followed by many years at the Department of Public Welfare. She was married to Joseph Hoyt Burson in 1956 until his death in 1965. Her two daughters Lura Lee Sowa and Ginny Brown were born in 1957 and 1959. Soon after her husband's death she returned to work at the Welfare Department. She also managed the Newnan office of Congressman John J. Flynt, followed by several years at the Social Security Administration from which she retired in 1989.

She was always involved in social and community projects, a charter member

of the Pilot Club as well as its President, and a volunteer at the Newnan Chapter of the American Cancer Society. All of her life Miss Pie loved to sew for herself, her children, and for many others. In her retirement she enjoyed playing bridge with her many friends, often playing all day into the evening, traveling to visit her daughter, as well as many trips with Central Baptist. She participated for many years with Feeding our Friends at CBC and teaching the three-year-old

Sunday School. She was a skilled cook and would make her legendary strawberry trifle for anyone, anytime, and for any reason. Her greatest achievement was writing her book, *Pie's Half-Baked Memories*, about her childhood in Newnan. No one was prouder to call Newnan home than Miss Pie. She loved her little southern town and her church more than anything. In addition to her parents and husband she is predeceased by her four siblings, Leonard Wilson (Jeanne), Virginia Holbrook (Robert), Elizabeth "Love" Cutchshaw, and W. Scott Wilson (Billie Zane). She is survived by her daughters Lura Lee Sowa (Phillip) and Ginny Brown (Tim) and six grandchildren, Spence Sowa (Jamie), Liz Coleman (Stewart) of Dallas, Texas, Kathryn Janian (Mark) of Aspen, Colorado, Lindsay Sowa of Chicago and Beth Calland (Tim) of Newnan and Tanner Brown of Chengdu, China as well as ten great grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery. After the pandemic restrictions have been eased, a public memorial service will be held at Central Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Miss Pie's life may do so by making donations to Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan 30263.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great woman!
Simone DuPree

Simone DuPree - July 07, 2020 at 01:41 PM

FF

“ Our prayers are with all the family. We just loved Miss Pie. She was
a wonderful person.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - June 23, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BM

“ Mark and I were so saddened to hear of Pie's passing. Our thoughts
and prayers are with Jinny, Lura Lee and families. Ms. Pie will
forever hold a special place in the hearts of those that knew her.
Love and prayers, Mark and Brenda Mitchell

Brenda Mitchell - June 22, 2020 at 11:33 PM

WT

“ Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in
memory of Mary Carolyn "Pie" Wilson Burson



Wilson and Jane Treadwell - June 19, 2020 at 10:00 PM

TE

“ *She will certainly be missed. While working with her at the Labor Department I go to know her quite well. She even trusted me with taking Ginny to school. She was a good friend to me and to my mother. May Pie Rest in Peace. Terry Wyche*

TerryWyche - June 19, 2020 at 03:49 PM

TR

Ginny and Lura Lee... y'all cross my mind on so many occasions and decided to do some research after finding your mother's obituary a few years ago it just recently dawned on me to write on her memories page. "Aunt Pie" as my brothers and I so affectionately referred to her was so good to us when we lived in Newnan so many decades ago. She was our safe place to stay when our parents were traveling for business and we loved her. Ginny, was that big sister figure for me. And whenever we could drop in to visit after we moved away, Aunt Pie always welcomed us as if no time had passed. My dad (who passed in 2022) and Aunt Pie sang duets together and with the church choir at Central Baptist.(1960's) So many fond memories of Aunt Pie weekends with Ginny and Lura Lee. I know you must miss her terribly. We (mom and I) are in Moultrie again. If you read this, please look us up and come for a visit. I've tried to find y'all to reach out over the years, but with no luck. Please know your mother will always have a special place in my/ our hearts. May she rest in peace.

*With love,
Teresa Reid (Gene and Gwen's daughter)*

Teresa G. Reid - October 10, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MT

“ *I have lots of fond memories of Pie. Your family and mine were linked together for a very long time through Pie, Scott, and " Ickey." Pie was a fun- loving lady and a great cook. She graced Central with her beautiful soprano voice for many, many years. My thoughts and prayers are with your family!*

Merry Todd - June 18, 2020 at 06:27 AM

LS

Thank you so much Merry. She is at peace and singing in heaven

Lura lee sowa - June 20, 2020 at 08:35 AM

JW

“ *Ginny, Lura Lee, and family,*

We were saddened to hear about Aunt Pie's passing. We will always remember her keen wit, her smile, and that twinkle in her eye! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Jimmy and Wanda Wilson

Jimmy and Wanda Wilson - June 17, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BC

Lura Lee & Ginny and families. I was so shocked to see Aunt Pie's obituary. She was a wonderful friend and I always enjoyed seeing her. She could always brighten your day with her quick wit and laughter. I know you will miss her so much as well as all who knew her. My heart and prayers go out to you as you grieve her passing.

Brenda Clark

Brenda B Clark - June 17, 2020 at 11:09 PM

KC

Ginny, I was so saddened to see this. I thought "Pie" was one of the neatest ladies I have ever known. I am thinking of you and praying for your good days to return soon.

Keith Crosby

Keith Crosby - June 18, 2020 at 07:05 AM

PC

Ginny & family, I am so sorry for the passing of Miss Pie!! Always loved she & her friends when they played bridge upstairs at First National Bank. She always made us smile. Prayers of peace for you.

Pam Clemons - June 18, 2020 at 01:24 PM

GB

Thank all of you for your heartfelt and comforting words about Mama. Much love, Ginny and Lura Lee 💕

Ginny Brown - June 19, 2020 at 02:16 PM

JL

Sending you love and sympathy. Lori and Jerry Lassetter

Jerry Lassetter - June 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM

FA

Your mom was such a classy lady. She will be missed. I expect she's laughing and singing in heaven.

Freddy Adickes - June 20, 2020 at 11:30 AM

BF

Lura Lee & Ginny, we are saddened about the passing of Miss Pie. We have very fond memories of her. She always greeted us with a smile and laughter. We will miss her so much.

Banks & Jennie Freeman - June 21, 2020 at 03:04 PM