



## Mary Louise Johnson

December 17, 1920 - May 11, 2011

Mary Ockerman Johnson of Kennesaw, formerly of Newnan, completed her earthly journey at age 90 on Wednesday May 11, 2011 at her residence. She began this journey in Canfield, Ohio, on December 17, 1920, the third of five daughters born to James W. and Mildred Keene Ockerman. Known as Marga, a name given to her by her first granddaughter, she was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Paul Herbert Johnson; her daughter, Paula Johnson Arnold; and three sisters, Edna, Ellen and LaVerna. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Johnson of Kennesaw; sister, June Ward of South Yarmouth, MA; son-in-law, James H. Arnold III of Lilburn; granddaughters, Mea Arnold, currently at the Embassy in Dakar, Senegal (husband Steve Perry) and Amy Arnold of Fayetteville; four beloved great-grandchildren, Austin and Anna Perry, and Evan and Belle Arnold-Hoffmann; and her devoted companion, Angel.

As a member of the Greatest Generation, she lived through the Great Depression and World War II. She shared stories with her family about the creative and industrious things her family did during the Depression. One was of her family's camping trip to Washington, D.C., in a car her father purchased for \$25 and rebuilt. The four older sisters took turns sitting forward in the back seat while the youngest sat on her mother's lap. They camped near the Capitol building and her mother cooked cabbage over an open fire, creating quite a stir among the other campers with its wondrous smell.

She married in 1943 and her husband left shortly afterwards for England,

taking part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He flew several missions before his plane was shot down in Germany. He was captured and remained a POW until liberated in 1945. Their daughter, Paula, was born during this time. In 1953, the family moved to Newnan when the Wm. L. Bonnell Co. relocated there from Youngstown, Ohio. She was a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church and the Veatch-Nixon Sunday School Class. Determined that her daughters would go to college, she graduated from business school and worked as a secretary at Atkinson Elementary and Newnan High School before becoming a bookkeeper at Johnson Hardware Company until she retired in 1986. Upon her retirement, she and her daughter, Pam, spent many summers traveling and camping throughout the US and Canada. Her travels also included trips to England and Australia. Last June at the age of 89 she fulfilled a life-long dream of visiting the Normandy region of France during D-Day celebrations. A voracious reader, it was a challenge to keep her supplied with books. She delighted in the book sales sponsored by the Cobb County Public Library.

Marga will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grand and great-grandmother. She cherished all of her friends in Newnan and missed them dearly when she moved in 2006 to live with her daughter.

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

The visitation is Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and Monday, May, 16, 2011 beginning at 10:00am at McKoon Funeral Home. The funeral service is Monday at 11:00 am in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263. Interment will follow Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Dr. Med Roach & Rev. Amy Arnold will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA 30263, or WellStar Community Hospice, 4040 Hospital West Drive, Austell, GA 30106.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

NP

“ Dear Pam, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. While no words of mine can ease your loss, I just wanted you to know that I am praying for you and your family constantly. Love Nancy Pietrangelo

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**Nancy Pietrangelo** - May 18, 2011 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ Dearest Pam, Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get to know your mother. It was a pleasure talking to her and learning a little of her childhood. You are truly an inspiration to everyone with the love and compassion you had for your mom. " Love always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres, and never fails". 1 Corinthians 13:5 "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction" Mark 5:34. Your mother is no longer in pain! Bee Bee & Barry

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**Bee Bee Hilliard** - May 17, 2011 at 12:32 PM

DE

“ Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort and solace in your time of grief. Sincerely, Deborah Evans

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**Deborah Evans** - May 16, 2011 at 08:34 PM

TS

“ Sending lots of hugs and loving thoughts your way today.

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**Terri Stanley** - May 16, 2011 at 01:58 PM

DM

“ Ms. Johnson, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You are blessed to have such wonderful stories and memories about your mom. I will hold you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Dina Mancini

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**Dina Mancini** - May 16, 2011 at 01:34 PM

PB

“ Ms. Johnson, In your time of sorrow, know that God walks with you and he will never leave nor forsake you. Your mother was blessed to have lived a long, joyous and purposeful life. May the calling on her life and her belief in the almighty, be a reflection on all whose lives she touched. As you celebrate her homegoing, celebrate her kindness and love. Thank you so much for sharing your memories of your beloved mother. May God bless you and keep you in his loving arms. Always, Pamela Bone

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**Pamela Bone** - May 16, 2011 at 11:51 AM

FB

“ Ms. Johnson We appreciate you so much and all you do to help and make the the ASP program here at Kincaid a success. Your kindness is a direct reflection of how you cared for your mother and how she has raised you to be a loving person. I personally have enjoyed the stories you have shared with me about your adventures and travels with her. Although you will miss her, you are blessed to have such wonderful memories. Those great times are what keep us going when we loose loved one. God Bless, Francina and Shalom Blackwell

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**Francina & Shalom Blackwell** - May 16, 2011 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ Pam, She was a very special Lady. You know that Robert & I loved her and have enjoyed knowing your mother these past 19+ years. We are here to help in any way that we can. Joyce & Robert Kincaid Elementary Family

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**Joyce & Robert McMaster** - May 13, 2011 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ Pam, I am sorry to hear about your mother. I have good memories of spending time at your house when we were growing up. My thoughts are with you. Junie

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**Junie Austin Merkle** - May 13, 2011 at 08:49 AM