



Mary Parks

March 14, 1916 - June 30, 2013

Mary Wood Parks gently departed this earthly life on Sunday, June 30, 2013. The energetic young girl who would come to be known as “Mary Sunshine” was born March 14, 1916 in Troy, Alabama to the late James Pinkard and Leo Henderson Wood. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings James and Margaret. Mary loved to dance and as a young southern belle, she was well known for this attribute. She graduated from Troy State Teacher’s College. She was honored in the beauty section of Auburn University's “The Glomerata.” She attended the University of Alabama where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and featured in the beauty section of Alabama's "Carolla" yearbook. On October 4, 1941, she was married to Howard Pickens Parks. For the next 59 years she reveled in fulfilling her responsibilities as a devoted wife, managing a home with three active children, and being a hostess for all occasions. Throughout her life, she was the tireless supporter for her husband in his business and was the consummate volunteer for the organizations in which her children would become involved. One venture that gave her great satisfaction was her collaboration with Howard in founding Forest Lawn Memorial Park. They envisioned it as a place of permanent beauty and tranquility. She was a charter member of The Driftwood Garden Club, a member of The Newnan Junior Service League, The Newnan Country Club, and any number of bridge clubs. High on her list of priorities, though, was her service through Newnan First United Methodist Church. Her steadfast friends were the members of

Mrs. Polly Crowley's Sunday school class and those who made up her Bible study groups. Mary is survived by her children, James Pickens Parks and his wife Betty of Titusville, FL, Mary Wood Parks Moor and her husband Ed of Newnan, Howard Pickens Parks, Jr. and his wife Dey of Newnan. Her grandchildren are Jennifer Sabine (Jeff) of Titusville, FL, Bridgette Clements (Brian) of Mims, FL, Eden Tornfelt (Eric) of Charlotte, NC and Pickens Parks of Driggs, ID. Her great grandchildren are Cole, Tanner and Emily Clements. No list of survivors could be complete without including her precious dog "Happy" to whom Mary was deeply devoted and her longtime dedicated friend, Pearl Moreland. As Mary made needed adjustments in her life in her later years, she would come to add another layer of friends as she blended into the family of Wesley Woods and accepted the diligent attention of the caregivers who added so much value to her life. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. The funeral service for Mrs. Parks will be Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Reverend Gary Parrish and Doctor Stuart Geene officiating. The visitation will be prior to the service Tuesday from Noon until 1:45 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. For those who may wish to do so, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Parks' memory to HELP SPAY NEUTER Clinic, 12 The Crescent, Newnan, GA 30263 or Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St. Newnan, GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Mary Wood and Pick we are so sorry to hear of our Mom's passing. We are deeply sorry we are so late to know this please know our thoughts and prayers are with both and all of family. May God bless you all, We love you, Ray & Julianne

Ray & Julianne McKnight - July 18, 2013 at 11:02 PM

AW

“ Mary, dear cousin Heaven will be ever more bright with some of the light you always bestowed upon your family and friends. Love from all of us. Anne Wright

Anne Griffin Wright - July 08, 2013 at 06:17 PM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Mary and also share a comforting scriptural promise that very soon death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore....Revelation 21:3,4

P. Watts - July 07, 2013 at 07:14 PM

BK

“ Ed and Mary Wood, My sympathies on the loss of your mom. I hope you find solace in knowing that she is a new angel in heaven. Thinking of you, Becki

Becki Kelly - July 03, 2013 at 05:03 PM

JF

“ I KNOW SHE WAS A GREAT LADY MAYGOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REMEMBER SHE IS WITH HER HEAVENLY FATHER!!!!

JOHN FETTER - July 03, 2013 at 11:35 AM

KM

“ Mrs. Parks was a gracious Christian Southern lady who made me feel welcome when I attended First Methodist years ago. I was just thinking of her and Mary Wood a few days ago. My prayers are with all of her family as I know you will greatly miss her.

Kathy Madden - July 03, 2013 at 07:44 AM

LM

“ Jim, Mary Wood, Pick and Families, I was so very sorry to learn of your mothers passing. I have such fond memories of your mother over the years growing up. I remember being in and out of your house so many times and your Mom always being so gracious. We had some fun times in our old neighborhood growing up - playing in the back yard, riding bikes, skating and playing around the water tower - such good memories! I am sorry I will not be able to tell you in person how sorry I am for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. With much love to you all, Linda Mealor

Linda Mealor - July 02, 2013 at 10:04 AM

PB

“ Pick, Jim, & Mary Wood: I am so sorry for your loss of such a sweet, sweet mother. I can picture Mary now with that smile she always had -- and as someone else wrote "Not a hair out of place." Loved her sense of humor. She was a delight and a joy to be around. She will be missed by many.

Pat Brown - July 02, 2013 at 09:51 AM

CM

“ Dear Pick, I know you have been with your mother and helped her along in life and also Mr. Howard. She was a great woman and I dont think I ever saw her with her hair out of place. She was very special to me and always spoke to me and she knew who I was. That meant a great deal to me. My mom, Ms Totsie, tells us stories about when they would go traveling with Ms. Mary and Mr. Howard and that she has such fond memories. She will be greatly missed and loved. All that you and your family have done for Coweta is greatly appreciated. Your friend, Carl McKnight

Carl and Jill McKnight Ms. Totsie McKnight - July 02, 2013 at 09:11 AM

BP

“ Dear Pick, Jim and Mary Wood, Your mother was a very special lady, who always made everyone around her feel special. I loved seeing her in Sunday School where she was never afraid to speak her mind on any issue. What a glorious life she and your dad led,..leaving a tremendous legacy with the three of you. God Bless and may the peace of Christ be with the Parks family today. ~Billy

Billy Perkins - July 02, 2013 at 06:52 AM

JK

“ Miss Mary used to ask "Why did it take so long for us to meet?" I am so blessed having her as "My very....very..good friend!" I know she's dancing!

Jill Knox - July 01, 2013 at 11:07 PM

CL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary Wood and all your family. She was a ray of sunshine with a big smile every time I saw her. Remember all the good times and cherish all the wonderful memories. Loosing a mother is like a void in your life. I miss mine. Thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Carolann Lovett

CArolann Lovett - July 01, 2013 at 10:14 PM

JW

“ Mary's death represents a loss to many and the passing of a fine and great lady from one of Coweta County's most venerable families. Our condolences go out to the Parks family as we mourn the loss of a high and light spirited lady. It was always a pleasure to be in her company and she will be remembered with great affection.

John & Martha White - July 01, 2013 at 09:43 PM

SH

“ Jim, Pick, and Mary Wood, We were really saddened to learn of Miss Mary's passing. She was a great Southern lady and a true friend, from the time we met her before buying your childhood home through the 32 years since then. Our most sincere sympathy to you and all the family. We pray that the treasured memories of your Mother will keep you strong. Shelby, Al, Susan and Ruth

Shelby and Al Henry - July 01, 2013 at 09:12 PM

AW

“ Thinking of you Mary Wood and all your family. Keep to all the wonderful memories. GOD Bless you all.

Alexis Wallace - July 01, 2013 at 08:31 PM

RB

“ Sunday school will never be the same without Miss Mary. We are so sorry for the huge loss to you and all that knew her.

Richard and Donna Brooks - July 01, 2013 at 03:16 PM

RT

“ We were truly sorry to hear the news of "Miss Mary". She was always a ray of sunshine for us at church and at Lee King. She will certainly be missed by many. Our hearts are with your family. Love, Carol and Rick

Rick and Carol Tamplin - July 01, 2013 at 03:13 PM

GP

“ Your loved one will be missed in this community. We loved her very much. We pray that you can find peace and comfort during this time of grief. Ray and Gerrie

Gerrie and Ray Petty - July 01, 2013 at 03:12 PM

NO

“ My mama used to tell me that she remembered fondly that Miss Mary was the first person to visit her to welcome her to Newnan. What a gracious Southern lady! My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Nevelle

Nevelle Owens - July 01, 2013 at 12:32 PM

LM

“ You are in my thoughts & prayers. I loved Ms Mary and I will always have her and Happy in my heart. God Bless

Linda McGee - July 01, 2013 at 10:13 AM

SS

“ Your sweet mother was so kind and thoughtful to my mother during her illness and was one of the few people who could cheer her up! She would make the arduous trip from her apartment to Mother's frequently and always bring some little remembrance, food, flowers, etc. I heard them talking one day and Miss Mary said, "we had great lives didn't we? Great husbands, security, wonderful children?? Mother agreed and Miss Mary said, "we'll, I'm ready to roll"! I loved her for that and for being such a dear friend to Mother. She was a treasure in every way and I will always remember her with great fondness. I will be thinking about all of you she left behind.

Sally Speckels - July 01, 2013 at 08:57 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - June 30, 2013 at 11:53 PM

GM

“ Dear Cousins...Cousin Mary will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...George

George MacNabb - June 30, 2013 at 07:33 PM

LJ

“ I loved Miss Mary to pieces. She was one of the dearest women I have ever met. And I loved seeing the love that existed between Mary and her beloved Happy. I will miss hugging both. My mother will miss having her as a neighbor. She thought the world of her.

Linda Jennings - June 30, 2013 at 04:06 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of grief. Sincerely, Sara*

Sara Webb Horne - June 30, 2013 at 03:37 PM