



Maxine Sandy Seidel

September 18, 1955 - March 8, 2026

Maxine Sandy Seidel, 70, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, 2026, after a brief illness at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. She was born on September 18, 1955, in New York, NY, to the late Gabriel Seidel and Rita Waldman Seidel.

Maxine grew up on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, where her talents emerged early. She played violin throughout her childhood and graduated at just 16 from Seward Park High School. She began working young-first at a local law firm, then on Wall Street in commodities trading. In her early twenties, she embraced adventure and drove cross-country to California with her cat, Precious, the first of many beloved pets.

She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Northridge, and went on to build a successful career as Vice President of Sales at West Coast Wholesale. She raised two girls, was an incredible cook, and absolutely loved bringing people together. Maxine loved to dance-especially to disco-and enjoyed antiquing as well as working on board puzzles. Her deep love for animals and her lifelong enjoyment of bowling were constants throughout her life.

After retiring, Maxine moved with her husband, Tom, to Newnan, Georgia, where she quickly formed lasting friendships. She became an active member

of her community-joining the bunco group, book club, and garden club-and even served as Lady Liberty in the annual Fourth of July parade. Her Jewish faith remained central throughout her life, and she continued her involvement with Congregation B'nai Emet in Simi Valley, CA, where she had served on the board, participated in the Sisterhood, and was remembered as a generous and dedicated volunteer.

Services to honor Maxine will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in her memory be made to the Newnan Humane Society at <https://nchsrescue.org/donate/>.

Maxine is survived by her husband, Thomas (Tom) Sumner of Newnan; daughters Randi Seidel of Washington, DC, and Robyn Clark and her husband, Collin, of San Diego, CA; and granddaughters Mia and Abby Clark of San Diego, CA.

Condolences may be shared online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Maxine Sandy Seidel*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 17 at 10:44 AM

BO

So many wonderful memories of my bestie. Our friendship of many years and all the adventures we went on and did. We never know when the unexpected will happen. I am very sad and still not quite believing that Max is not here. May she be always remembered as a very giving and wonderful person. She was a wonderful friend. She will be missed.



Bob - March 21 at 12:54 PM

MA

Hello Bob! This is Marlene. I had asked about you and your cell . Hopefully we can speak a bit! I remember our outing with Maxine and seeing places in Cali with you too. I remember going to Hollywood Bowl all of us together. I was recently asking Max about you. Hope you will be well when reading this after no contact for long time. Max and I introduced our friends to each other. We always had good time no matter what was going on in our lives and not always see each other. I often do refer to her like my sister as I don't have any. Only brothers and she had none. We could talk about anything, and even if we had heavy duty conversations we connected on the basis of simply being 2 New York woman who loved hard. No matter who we loved and why . We spoke candidly and grew up fifty plus years ago and remained that. We would try to keep each other strong in light of things that came up that effected us. I will never have a burger friend like Maxine and like you have not processed simple acts like reaching for phone to call her and here her give me advice in that Maxine way! Glad you posted on here for so many of us to see all the sides of this intelligent witty involved woman who was a force we did love to reckon with! Stay well and know she will be missed by many as she touched everyone she met !

Marlene Albanese - March 21 at 06:18 PM

MS

“ *I remember Maxine from Doc. Sharo's physics class at Seward Park HS. So sorry to learn of her passing.*

Maureen Sevigny - May 12 at 07:47 PM

CC

“ *Maxine and I met at Newnan-Coweta Humane Society...she had the driest and funniest sense of humor! I was so shocked and saddened to hear of her passing as I looked forward to sharing more times together. Sending so many prayers and lots of love to her family and friends.*

Chris Cantrell

Chris Cantrell - March 21 at 07:55 PM

Sw

“Maxine was my neighbor in the community of WoodRanch. Maxine was generous to a fault- with her time, with her cooking and with her love. She had an exceptional caring heart to her family and to her friends. Maxine was fun and intelligent to work with during the Jewish Holidays at Congregation B'nai Emet.



It is interesting and fascinating to read about her accomplishments.

I was disappointed when Maxine and Tom moved to Newman, Georgia, but Maxine would reach out to me both by text and phone (with long and funfilled conversations) and beautiful cards.

When Maxine would come back to California to visit her beautiful family, she would often make sure to visit with me, to sit and laugh together.

I truly loved my friend and will miss and remember her.

SandyMiller

Sanford M. Miller. שמואל - March 21 at 01:26 PM

MA

“Maxine loved entertaining others. She enjoyed cooking and was excellent at it and took great pleasure seeing people enjoy her foods and plenty of conversation to make the events memorable. Those events will be in my memory for the rest of my lifetime. !❤️



Marlene Albanese - March 21 at 12:48 PM

SH

“ *Maxine was one of a kind! She was a caring, generous person, who was a lot of fun! Maxine could get you to do things you didn't think you wanted to, but you always were glad you did after. She enrolled me to go all the way to Simi Valley for temple services at Congregation B'nai Emet. Even after Covid, when she moved from California to Georgia, it was great to see her on Zoom when she could stay awake late enough to join us. She was an amazing cook who didn't eat beef, but made the best brisket I ever had. Maxine, I loved you! I will always cherish your friendship and the good times and wonderful memories we created in Southern California and Vegas before you left for Georgia. May your memory be a blessing.*

Love, Sheryl

Sheryl Hammer - March 21 at 11:50 AM

MA

“ *Marlene Albanese lit a candle in memory of Maxine Sandy Seidel*



Marlene Albanese - March 21 at 10:44 AM



“ *Maxine was a kind and generous person and her warmth touched everyone around her. Our hearts go out to her family during this difficult time. With deepest condolences, Mindy Juillerat*

Mindy Juillerat - March 18 at 09:16 AM

RF

“ *Maxine,
Your life was full, well beyond what most of us could only fantasize,
but still too short.
Tom, you had found a gem that lost its glow too soon.
Kids, grand kids, I feel for you; be strong.*

*Driving solo cross country in her Firebird [w/Precious] before smart
phones and GPS; that is Maxine, a pioneer.
How apropos passing during Women's History Month.*

*Knowing you since we were teenagers was wonderful, but a few
years ago was sad and confusing losing you as a friend.
I wish I had a time machine to be able to fix that.*

*I was nice working with you in my Dad's law office.
Spending some time at my parent's "country home" in Rockaway
NJ.*

*As well as together in orchestra, you 1st violin in Jr.HS 12/56 and
Seward as I only qualified for 2nd violin.*

*I remember when we visited 56 and spoke to a few of our old
teachers.*

They were impressed with our accolades.

*So many memories and questions I hope can be reminisced and
answered when we meet in the hereafter.*

*You are loved
You are missed
Be at peace*

Roger Field

Roger Field - March 17 at 01:22 AM

JA

“*Maxine was the kind of friend everyone hopes to have in their life, the kind who is always there no matter what. One of my favorite things about Maxine was how much she loved to cook . so many of my best memories are simply sitting in the kitchen while she prepared dinner. I would spend three or four days a week there talking and laughing while she prepared the meal and worked around the kitchen the way only she could .those ordinary moments became some of the most meaningful ones because they were filled with her warmth, her generosity, and her presence. Maxine loved unconditionally. If you needed someone she was there, no judgment, only kindness. We talked every day and her absence leaves a space in my life that cannot be filled. I will always be grateful for the time I had with her and for the blessing of calling her, my friend . Rest in peace my friend you will truly be missed.*

Jane Augustine - March 16 at 07:57 PM