



Merrill LeBlanc Cornay

April 29, 1935 - May 5, 2025

Mrs. Merrill LeBlanc Cornay

Merrill Marie Elizabeth LeBlanc Cornay, 90, of Newnan, GA, died peacefully at home on May 5, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Born April 29, 1935, in Golden Meadow, LA, to the late Dr. Louis Pierre LeBlanc, Sr., and Hattie Thibodaux LeBlanc, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Ray Joseph Cornay, Jr., her brother Dr. Louis Pierre LeBlanc, Jr. and her daughter-in-law Kathy Joan Cornay (Frank S. Cornay). Merrill is survived by her five sons (and their wives): Ray J. Cornay, III (Sherry), Frederick J. Cornay (Julie), Frank S. Cornay (Robin), Robert L. Cornay (Melissa), and H. Michael Cornay (Beth); nine grandchildren and their spouses; ten great-grandchildren; and countless loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends she held dear.

Raised on Bayou Lafourche with summers spent on Grand Isle, Merrill graduated from the Southwestern Louisiana Institute where she met her handsome future husband while earning a degree in Education. Five children later, the young family moved to Newnan, GA, in 1966, quickly integrating into the community. A devout member of St. George Catholic Church for six decades, Merrill volunteered her time and talents playing the organ, singing in the choir, and serving as a Cub Scout den mother.

Merrill enjoyed cooking, gardening, music, playing cards-especially when winning-and, most importantly, her family. Home was always festively decorated for the current holiday. Chicken spaghetti was her signature dish,

playfully pretending to be offended if you didn't go back for seconds. Kind and generous to everyone, always putting others' needs before her own, Merrill's innate nature exemplified what truly matters in life: Seizing every opportunity to celebrate both the big and small moments. A devoted wife, loving mother, the best grandma, the grandest matriarch. This ever joyful soul's legacy of love shall inspire for generations.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 10:30 AM at St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Rd, Newnan, GA 30263, with private interment to follow. The family will receive attendees beginning at 10:00 AM in the church hall. Guests are invited to a reception celebrating Merrill's life held 1:00 PM that afternoon at Lillian Gardens, 83 Greenville Street S, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com. In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Merrill via <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Mrs. Cornay was so sweet. I just found out that she passed away. Ms. Ruth and I just talked about her and how giving she was. She will be greatly missed.
Del and Deloris Hobbs.

Deloris Hobbs - May 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM

CM

“ Merrill was a wonderful and thoughtful friend. How come no one has mentioned how she could wear you out SHOPPING !!! We already are missing her very much. Love to Merrill and Ray's family. Chris and Jack McBride

CHRISTINE K MCBRIDE - May 13, 2025 at 06:55 PM

RK

“ We are saddened to hear of Merrill's passing. Ricos and I met Ray and Merrill when they came into our restaurant, Town & Country. They were a sweet couple. We will miss seeing Merrill occasionally when we would run into each other at the grocery store or while shopping it was good to catch up with her. We send our condolences to her family. Ricos & Debbie Kavadas

Ricos & Debbie Kavadas - May 12, 2025 at 10:27 AM

NO

“ Our deepest sympathies. Your Mom was always so kind to my family when I was growing up. She was just a few doors down from our house and how she managed all the boys was incredible. Our whole family considered her a treasure!
Natalie Jenkins Overman

Natalie Overman - May 12, 2025 at 07:54 AM

JS

“ JWS Energy Services purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Merrill LeBlanc Cornay.



JWS Energy Services - May 11, 2025 at 03:11 PM

LG

“ Love, The Fadigan Girls purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Merrill LeBlanc Cornay.



Love, The Fadigan Girls - May 09, 2025 at 07:58 PM

CD

“ Cousins Jan, Renee and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merrill LeBlanc Cornay.

Cousins Jan, Renee and Denise - May 09, 2025 at 07:46 AM

CD

“ Cousins Jan, Renee and Denise purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Merrill LeBlanc Cornay.



Cousins Jan, Renee and Denise - May 09, 2025 at 07:46 AM

CS

“ Oh what a sweet lady! Just thought of her and thought it was time to work in the yard. I loved her sharing her holiday decorations with me. Love to all of the boys but especially Ray and “Mike”

Charlotte Sewell - May 07, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MD

“ Merrill was always a beautiful lady inside and out, never aging at all. Always looked forward to seeing her at church. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, as I'm sure she is going to be missed dearly.
Mary Lou Vinnacombe Phillips Dewberry

Mary Lou Dewberry - May 07, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Merrill LeBlanc Cornay.



May 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM

KP

“ Always a smile on her face, a kind word on her lips, a song in her heart; she emanated love and kindness. You will be missed Miss Merrill: you will never be forgotten. Prayers and love for the Cornay family during this time.

Kippy Lee Parker - May 07, 2025 at 03:56 AM

KT

“ To the whole Cornay clan. Mrs. Cornay was undoubtedly the most beautiful and precious lady ever. To know her was to love her. She was simply beautiful, inside and out. My thoughts and prayers to each one of you. I know the days to come will be hard, but I pray each of you hold on to the memories as they are forever etched in your heart. I love you Mrs. Cornay, and I am grateful and thankful for all of the smiles and hugs I received along the way. Oh what a beautiful and classy lady. Much love Cornay clan. She was a diamond in the rough for sure. ❤️
Kristi Cash Thompson

Kristi Cash Thompson - May 06, 2025 at 11:44 PM

RW

“ I am so sad to hear this! Mrs. Cornay was such a beautiful woman. She will be missed greatly! Thinking of you all and praying for God's peace in your hearts.

Ruth Warren - May 06, 2025 at 07:58 PM

GW

“ May she rest in eternal peace.



Geraldine Welch - May 06, 2025 at 06:58 PM