



## Merry Pickel Arace

March 18, 1953 - February 23, 2025

Merry Ellen Arace (Pickel), 72, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully at home on February 23, 2025. Born on March 18, 1953 in Barton, Vermont, she was the daughter of the late Bob Pickel and Joyce Merrill Pickel. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepmother, Arlene Pickel; her sister, Sherry Weidmeyer; and her brother, David Pickel.

Merry was raised with her sister by their grandmother on Lake Willoughby, Vermont, a place she always held dear to her heart. She spent 30 years living in Florida and Virginia before she and her husband settled in Georgia. Merry retired from the Newnan Magistrate Court.

Merry was incredibly creative and spent time on several hobbies like making sketch comedy videos, photography, community theater, skateboarding, and proudly working on her blue-ribbon winning cross-stitch and recipes at the Coweta County Fair. She was happiest in the company of her dog, Teddy, or volunteering at the Newnan-Coweta Humane Society, Pokey's Place.

Survivors include her husband, Art Arace of Newnan, GA; her daughter, Chris Arace (Lewis) and son-in-law, Matthew Lewis of Renton, WA; her beloved grandson, Tilton Lewis; her brother, Steve Pickel and sister-in-law, Susan Pickel; her cousin, Randi Rosenstein (Pickel); her nephews, Matthew Pickel and Danny Weidmeyer; and her niece Maggie, Pickel.

A celebration of Merry's life will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA. The family will receive friends from 4 - 5 pm at McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory. Merry wished to have her ashes return to Willoughby to be with her grandmother, Mabel Pickel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Newnan-Coweta Humane Society - Pokey's Place, 608 US-29 N, Newnan, GA 30263.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Memorial Service

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Merry Pickel Arace*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 18, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BL

“ *I was so honored by Merry, when her sister, my other cousin died, she asked me to be her sister. We both cried. Then laughed and were connected!*

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**Bonnie Lorimer** - March 18, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DW

“ *Merry and I went to high school at the same time. When I saw this obituary in the local paper I instantly saw Merry laughing she would make me laugh at times I wanted to cry. She was that kind of person. I believe the light in every person she knew when they heard she past dimmed a little I know mine did.*

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**Donna Whipple** - March 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DL

“ Merry&Art were the 1st people we met when we moved to Newnan Our Lola ( our dog ) loved Merry to visit & so did I I will miss her visits , going to plays with her & conversations What a special friend in a few short years



Dee Lee - March 12, 2025 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ Connie Stamper lit a candle in memory of Merry Pickel Arace



Connie Stamper - March 11, 2025 at 03:50 PM

AN

“ So very sorry for the loss of this beautiful lady. Prayers, hugs and much love sent to all who love her. From all of us at Rider Pest Control.

Angela - March 10, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KB

“ Merry was a delightful person. I was her pastor for a time and she always had a great smile and hug for me! To me she was the “HatLady”. I loved the different hats she wore on Sunday!

Kathy E Broadwater - March 07, 2025 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.*



Tommy and Polly Barge - March 07, 2025 at 07:04 AM

PA

“ *Art, we are so sorry. She was such a great lady. All our love and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Pat & Perry Adams  
Your Cedar Grove Family*

pat adams - March 06, 2025 at 04:41 PM

RB

“ *Ms. Merry was a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit.  
Praying for her family.*



Rev BettyJean Bowers - March 06, 2025 at 08:56 AM

SC

“ *Sue Caylor lit a candle in memory of Merry Pickel Arace*



Sue Caylor - March 05, 2025 at 08:28 PM

CC

“ *Merry and I worked together for several years...she in Magistrate Court and I in the Finance Department. After retirement, I asked her to volunteer with Newnan-Coweta Humane Society. I knew she missed her sweet Teddy and this would give her an opportunity to love on dogs and make a difference in their lives. And she did make a difference in several lives, but her biggest project was Nala. Because of Merry's love and patience, Nala found her forever home. Merry always brought a smile and a laugh to every day she lived...she will be so missed.*

*Chris Cantrell*



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**Chris Cantrell** - March 05, 2025 at 06:40 PM

GP

“ *Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch lit a candle in memory of Merry Pickel Arace*



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**Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch** - March 05, 2025 at 04:03 PM