



## Opal Jean Sanderson

May 10, 1930 - June 13, 2014

Mrs. Opal Jean Smith Sanderson, 84, of Newnan, Georgia went home to be with the Lord on June 13, 2014. Her faith in Jesus Christ and support from family and friends was her strength throughout her long-term illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis Sanderson, and her parents Thomas Franklin Smith and Alma Trudell Mullins Smith of Ardmore, Alabama. She is survived by her daughter, Anne Sanderson Cronic (Danny) and grandchildren Lydia Cronic Newsom (Matt), Drew Cronic (Amelia), and Nathan Cronic (Amy) and their families.

Mrs. Sanderson was born in Dellrose, Tennessee where she grew up on a farm surrounded by extended family. She graduated from Blanche High School in 1947. As a young woman, she worked at the Lamar Shop in Athens, Alabama where she developed her sense of style and fashion. She married James Lewis Sanderson on March 25, 1951. Due to health complications of Mr. Sanderson's service in World War II, they moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he could receive care at the Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital. Mrs. Sanderson began employment at the VA hospital in Human Resources and served 30 years prior to her retirement in 1997. She then moved to Newnan, Georgia to be with her daughter and her family. She enjoyed spending time in the day to day activities with her granddaughter, Lydia. She loved "the boys" (Nathan and Drew) and their families. She even became a football fan, attending games at East Coweta High School and Reinhardt University to support her family.

Mrs. Sanderson loved her church, both in Nashville and at Central Baptist in Newnan. At Central, she was a member of the Myrtle Arnall Mann Sunday School class and was involved in Feeding Our Friends and Purses in the Pew. Her chocolate pie and potato salad were popular items on Wednesday night church dinners. She also volunteered many years with the Ladies Auxiliary at Newnan Hospital.

A funeral will be held Sunday, June 15th at 3 p.m. at Central Baptist Church in Newnan. Dr. Joel Richardson will officiate. Pallbearers include Drew Cronic, Nathan Cronic, Matt Newsom, Matt Headley, and members of the Central Baptist Church Chancel Choir. A visitation and reception with the family will be in the church fellowship hall following the funeral. A family burial will be held Monday, June 16th at 2 p.m. CENTRAL TIME at Blanche Cemetery in Blanche, Tennessee. The family wishes to express deep appreciation to Mrs. Vivian Thum, Mr. and Mrs. Flip Kee, and her neighbors in the Village for their constant love and support. We also extend our appreciation to the ladies of Central Baptist Church who blessed her in her journey of faith.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Blanche Cemetery

Blanche, TN

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St.  
Newnan, GA 30264

# Tribute Wall

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“ Anne, We wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Craddock and Staff

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**Nique Kight** - June 18, 2014 at 03:13 PM

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“ Anne, Danny and family, Calvin and I are so sorry in the loss of your dear mother, Ms. Opal.

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**Calvin and Nancy Brady** - June 13, 2014 at 06:17 PM