



## Patricia "Patsy" Armstrong Mullen

November 6, 1934 - May 10, 2025

Patricia (Patsy) Mullen passed away peacefully and gracefully in her sleep at her home in Wesley Woods, Newnan, Georgia, on May 10, 2025, at the age of 90. Born in Fort Mill, South Carolina, on November 6, 1934, to Richard Henry Armstrong and Mattie Mae (Pat) Few Armstrong, Patsy lived a life defined by her deep commitment to faith, family, community, and service to others. She was known for her exceptional warmth, kindness, and memorable hugs, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Growing up in Fort Mill, Patsy graduated first in her class from Fort Mill High School in 1952. She attended Furman University for her freshman year before transferring to Winthrop College, where she earned her degree in education in 1956. Her teaching career took her to elementary schools in Greenville, South Carolina, Durham, North Carolina, and Dugway, Utah.

On June 8, 1957, Patsy married Donald Collins Mullen of Greenville, South Carolina. She continued teaching as they started their family, supporting Don as he completed medical school and residency at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and service for the army in Dugway, Utah. When Don entered private practice in Charlotte, NC, Patsy focused her life around raising five children, with all their various activities in school and church. She was always highly involved in church activities - serving as Director of Children's Ministry, coordinator to Vacation Bible School, a leader for women's bible studies and

ministry to the elderly, and singing in the choir. She served as an elder at both Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee and at Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivan's Island. She found great joy in bringing communion to the homebound on Sullivan's Island.

Patsy accompanied her husband, Don on extended medical missionary trips to Kenya, Malawi, and Papua New Guinea through the Presbyterian church (USA) and Samaritan's Purse. In 2000, after concluding their international mission work, they settled in Highlands, North Carolina, where Patsy became an active

member of First Presbyterian Church and was instrumental in establishing the Highlands Community Child Development Center and the after school program where she loved reading to the children. She also spent many years volunteering with Highlands Cashiers Hospice. Once in Newnan, Patsy loved serving every week with Feed Our Friends at Central Baptist Church.

Patsy always had a keen sense of play - she loved playing cards (and winning), riding the waves at the beach, and skiing in Park City. She would consider her greatest accomplishments to be: her loving marriage of 64 years, raising her five children, and enjoying her 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Patsy is survived by her five children: Melissa Ballantyne (George), Christy Mullen, Don Mullen, Jr., Julie Ann Hartman (Doug), and Martha Conroy (Brian). She is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Patricia Brawley (Frank), Mitch Ballantyne (Kristie), Christopher Ballantyne, Jonathon Ballantyne (Mary Virginia), Nicholas Pope, Rachael Mullen, Collins Mullen, Maya Sugg, Eleanor Mullen, Benjamin Hartman (Emily), Samuel Hartman (Marilyn), Alexander Hartman, Thomas Hartman, Haley Conroy Busch (Austin), Lauren Conroy (Chase), and Grace Conroy; as well as her great-

grandchildren: Frank Brawley, Jones Brawley, Bennett Brawley, Oliver Horn, Harris Horn, Margaret Ballantyne, Isabelle Ballantyne, Brooks Horn, Libby Ballantyne, Collins Ballantyne, and Baby Girl Busch.

A memorial service celebrating Patsy's life will be held at Central Baptist Church, 14 W Broad Street, in Newnan, Georgia, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, with visitation immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Feed Our Friends Endowment Fund at Central Baptist Church in Newnan, the Mullen Lecture Series at First Presbyterian Church in Highlands, NC, or Habitat for Humanity. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221  
Newnan, GA 30264

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To all of the loved family and friends in many places, I extend my sympathy. I only knew Patsy from her Newnan years at Central, and she was indeed an energetic, gracious and friendly lady. She and her husband Don seemed to live life large, and that is a wonderful memory and example for all. Menlia Trammell

Menlia Trammell - May 14, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Dear Missy, Christy, Don, Julie Ann, and Martha, I'm so sorry for the sudden loss of your beautiful mom. She was such a caring, generous person. I hope it gives you some comfort knowing your mom is with your dad again. Heaven is certainly blessed with two Mullens now. Praying for peace in your hearts soon. With sympathy, Colette Roychoudhury

Colette Roychoudhury - May 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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Thank you for your sweet and kind words about our mom! Much love!  
Martha

Martha Conroy - May 20, 2025 at 10:40 PM