



## Promise Rebekah Whitley

March 30, 1978 - February 8, 2019

Promise Rebekah Whitley of Palmetto, GA passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the age of 40. She was born in Raleigh, NC on March 30, 1978 to William and Linda Terrell of Four Oaks, NC.

An honors graduate of Duke University, she began her career teaching middle school language arts. She married and moved to Newnan, GA in 2003, where she worked as a substitute teacher. She later changed careers and became a nurse, completing her degree even as she bravely battled cancer.

Promise was well-known amongst friends and family for her extraordinary baking skills. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed needlework, traveling, and spending time with family. She especially loved spoiling her nieces and nephews at every opportunity.

She is survived by her loving husband, Eric Whitley, her parents, sister Amberly Strickland, four nephews, two nieces, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A service to celebrate Promise's life will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newnan at 11:00 am with The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover officiating. Visitation and a reception will follow the service at the church.

Condolences for the family may be left online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
576 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *It was at her wedding that I met my husband...if not for her I may not be with him todsy,*

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**Shannon Richey** - June 11, 2020 at 11:47 PM

CR

“ *Goodbye GQ.  
To the 934 people who followed you on Twitter, you were truly our Goddess Queen.  
@PromiseRW*

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**Cropes** - March 12, 2019 at 09:58 AM

ME

“ *I knew Promise through a social network rather than in person but she was such a kind, caring and wonderful person. She will be greatly missed in the group and my heart goes out to all who knew her.  
Thank you, Promise, for all you brought to my life through our interactions. You will always have a special place in my heart and mind.*

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**Mel** - March 12, 2019 at 07:20 AM

CH

*Me too.  
I wholeheartedly agree with your words.  
She was a lovely, lovely person.  
Sadly missed.*

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**Chris** - March 12, 2019 at 09:03 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of this. I was a year behind Promise in school at Four Oaks and South Johnston. I remember her and her family and my prayers go out to them all.

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**Meredith Best Blalock** - February 26, 2019 at 10:28 PM

AL

“ I went to high school with Promise, and I haven't seen her in over 20 years....but I have never forgotten her, the memories we shared, her distinctively wonderful laugh, and her beautiful spirit. My condolences to her family and friends....❤️❤️

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**Alice** - February 26, 2019 at 08:14 PM

CC

“ I just found out that Promise passed away. I met her at the Disney Polynesian resort pirate excursion when we were little, maybe 8. We became pen pals when there was no email access yet and had been friends ever since.

We only were able to see each other in person one time after that when I was on a work trip to NC.

This is really sad 😞 I was just talking to her a few weeks ago about how we both bought DVC at Copper Creek and it was likely the same room purchase.

Aw Promise, I'm really going to miss one of my oldest friends.

Love you Promise, Curt.

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**Curtis Corriere** - February 15, 2019 at 08:35 AM

BB

“ Julie and I send our condolences to Eric and the rest of the family. May God grant you peace during this sad and difficult time.

Bill Bexley - February 12, 2019 at 03:00 PM

D=

“ May you all find peace that comes only from our Lord ! may His Grace rest upon you all Love Denny and Amy Thompson

Denny & Amy Thompson = - February 11, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Promise Rebekah Whitley.



February 11, 2019 at 05:19 PM

BM

“ Eric, I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Promise. Please know that we are praying for you and the family! If there is anything that we can do, please let us know!

Brandon McDowell - February 11, 2019 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ Promise was unforgettable. She'll live on in our hearts forever, from her smile and her jokes to her devotion and dedication to her family and friends. Her bravery was an example to us all. My thoughts are with her family at this difficult time. --Jessie Strauss, Duke '98 (Promise's sorority sister in AEPHi)

Jessie Strauss - February 11, 2019 at 01:40 PM

LR

“ Love, Aunt Pattye and Rayford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Promise Rebekah Whitley.



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**Love, Aunt Pattye and Rayford** - February 11, 2019 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ Promise always made us smile while working in the kitchen at St Paul's, her skills of baking gave us pleasure and great memories. I am saddened by her loss and will hold the family closely in my prayers as you must live with her loss.

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**Jane Murdock** - February 11, 2019 at 11:23 AM