



## Rachael Hamil

November 2, 1993 - July 20, 2014

Rachael Marie Hamil, age 20, beloved daughter of Jeanne and Tom, passed away unexpectedly after a brief hospitalization on July 20, 2014.

Rachael was a rising junior at the University of Georgia (Athens), majoring in Psychology. She aspired to attain a P.H.D. from NYU to counsel families with chronically ill children. Rachael was a 2012 honors graduate from The Heritage School in Newnan, GA. She enjoyed curling up with a good book, and hiking the woods around her childhood home, camera in hand. Her favorite Christmas was spent in snowy Paris practicing her AP French, but few memories compare to those made on her post-graduation trip to Great Britain with classmates, wonderful teachers, and legal pints. Rachael's sweet, gentle smile and kindness will be cherished by her parents, her sister, Adrienne, and many friends and relatives. Let's remember Rachael! November 2nd, 1993 – July 20, 2014

The family will receive friends at McKoon Funeral Home, Thursday, July 24, 2014, 2 – 3:45 p.m., followed by graveside services, Oak Hill Cemetery, at 4 p.m. with Reverend Gary Parrish officiating.

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

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make contributions to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. ([www.armhc.org](http://www.armhc.org))

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **24.** 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

JUL **24.** 4:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery  
96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I want to start with saying I did not know Rachael or the family but when I saw her beautiful, angelic face, I had to stop and read her notice. I am so sorry for your loss. I lost a favorite niece in March and she was very young also and beautiful inside and out as I am sure Rachael was. It warmed my heart when a total stranger from Texas read my niece's obituary and actually came to Memphis, attended her service, and spoke words of encouragement to us at her service. Please be encouraged, I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Juanita Gillard** - August 03, 2014 at 03:17 PM

JH

“ Thank you for all the beautiful memories of Rachael. Your kind thoughts continue to be a balm to us. Go in love and peace. Jeanne

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**Jeanne Hamil** - July 31, 2014 at 11:49 AM

LD

“ Jeanne, Tom and Adrienne, Our prayers are with you that God will comfort you, give you peace and surround you with His love. Rachel was a wonderful young lady with tremendous courage and strength. With Love and Deepest Sympathy, Rob & Lisa Dunn &family

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**Lisa Dunn** - July 26, 2014 at 01:08 AM

BP

“ I am at a loss for words, I know there is nothing for me to say that will make this loss easier. I hope you can understand what I can't put into words. Rachael and I were in school together from Kindergarten through the 8th grade. Sadly we lost touch when I moved away before the start of high school. Although its been years since we've talked, I will always remember what a dear friend she was. I have so many happy memories of her. She had great character and a big heart. Rachael, you will always have a place in my heart and my memories of you will stay very much alive.

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**Brooke Powell** - July 25, 2014 at 09:27 AM

AT

“ Our prayers go out for your family. Rachael lived life to the fullest during her short life. She knew she was loved and had wonderful parents and a great sister.

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**Alexis and Pat Tomlin** - July 24, 2014 at 05:58 PM

JJ

“ As a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority at UGA, Rachael always had the most positive attitude and spirit whenever I talked with her at chapter meetings or events. She was a sweet soul with a wonderful sense of humor that will be noticeably missed in the sorority. I can't express my deepest sympathies enough, but please take comfort in the joy and laughter that your daughter brought to so many in her short life, especially those in Gamma Sigma Sigma. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

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**Jessica Jackson** - July 24, 2014 at 04:51 PM

LG

“ My heartfelt prayer is for God to comfort your hearts in due season. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Loretta Gilbert** - July 24, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rachael's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

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**Kathy Stewart** - July 24, 2014 at 07:05 AM

MS

“ Rachael was such a sweet blessing to all of the girls in our sorority. I know that her time here was brief, but she impacted Gamma Sig, UGA, and all of Athens through everything she did. We are so, so blessed to have been touched by her. We love you Rachael!

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**Maddie Swab** - July 24, 2014 at 04:46 AM

SS

“ Rachael was quite possibly the coolest little sister that has ever walked the face of the Earth. I was fortunate enough to get to know her later in life through my friendship with her older sister Adrienne. Together, the Hamil sisters will easily remain as two of the funniest people I'll ever meet in life. I was always impressed with Rachael's ability to equally match her sister's trademark sarcasm and wit without missing a beat and was even more impressed with Rachael's "wiser than her years" personality. Despite our differences in age, in the short time I knew Rachael she made a lasting impression on me through her humor, impeccable taste in music and, most importantly, her constantly positive outlook on life. While Rachael's life was cut far too short, I am comforted to know that it was filled with a level of love, joy, sass and humor that others may only be so lucky to experience. My heart absolutely breaks for Adrienne, "Miss" Jeanne and Mr. Tom, but I am certain that Rachael's role as the smallest, but no less quick-witted member of the Hamil clan will not soon be forgotten and will continue to comfort the family during this difficult time.

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**Stephen Sprayberry** - July 23, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MF

“ *Jeanne, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Your stories of Rachel's struggles and accomplishments are testament to her strong character and inspirational to those privileged to hear them. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mindy Friesen** - July 23, 2014 at 05:22 PM

SL

“ *I am in shock with the passing of one of my former students. Rachel was taken too soon. She was a bright and loving young lady and she will be missed. I will not be able to come to the funeral due to a prior commitment that I cannot get out of but I will be thinking of Rachel and her wonderful parents and sister. My heart goes out to them.*

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**Sherrill Lee** - July 23, 2014 at 03:57 PM

KH

“ *I am so proud to have taught Rachael music for eight years at Heritage. In that time, I watched her grow into a beautiful, gracious young lady with passions for art, fashion, and music. She loved helping and encouraging others. She had a sweet soul and even when she was cutting up with friends, you could always see a wisdom beyond her years in her eyes. My greatest sadness, aside for the heartache I feel for her family and friends, is that more people in the world will not have the chance to know her. She touched my life and she will always serve as an inspiration for me, having shown me the power of perseverance through illness throughout her life. I am eternally grateful to have known this precious young lady. My prayers are with all who love Rachael.*

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**Karen Hurd** - July 23, 2014 at 03:29 PM

GD

“ Tom, I know we have not been in touch for many years. I was so sorry to hear about Rachel. I want you to know we are all thinking about you and your family.

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**Gene Dunahoo** - July 23, 2014 at 12:39 PM

CD

“ I was fortunate enough to spend time with Rachael while house sitting/ nannying for the family, and cherished every moment with the girls. Rachael was wise beyond her years and an "old soul" that always amazed me with her awareness. Her creativity and gentleness was admired by many and she will be greatly missed. May her life be celebrated! My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Much love your way, Courtney Deal

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**Courtney Deal** - July 23, 2014 at 11:57 AM

SR

“ To family and & friends. Do sorry for your loss. Please read these scripture. In the bible . "Job 14: 14,15" and John 5: 28,29" for further information go to [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**Sandra. Rhodes** - July 23, 2014 at 10:58 AM

BT

“ Jeanne & Tom,you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.  
Barbara Thompson

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**Barbara Thompson** - July 23, 2014 at 10:26 AM

CB

*“ I can't even imagine the pain in the hearts of Tom and Jeanne and Andrian, but I know that Rachel had the best parents that any child could ever ask for. The two of you have made her short life as magical as any child could ever hope for. You all are in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Connie Bush** - July 23, 2014 at 08:51 AM

HS

*“ I am so very sorry about Rachel she was such a sweet girl. We will be praying for you all .If there is any thing we can do please let us know. I am Helen (Gail's) sister again I am so very sorry.*

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**Helen Screws** - July 22, 2014 at 09:39 PM

CB

*“ I was one of Rachael's sorority sisters, and I know I'm speaking for all of us in GSS when I say she brought something so unique and special to the organization and her sweet spirit and smile will be missed so much. I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers constantly. May God bless you and keep you, now and always.*

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**Caitlin Bascle** - July 22, 2014 at 09:26 PM

RF

“ Rachael was my French class buddy, English class partner in proofreading, and a constant voice in my ear reminding me to, no matter what, never quit when my dreams are at stake. We loved to talk art, poetry, and fashion; I always looked forward to hearing new stories before AP English about her fat and entertaining cat. That was high school -- once college began and we went our separate ways, Rachael made a point to check in on me and catch up. Rachael was an amazing person and a fantastic friend. I know our entire graduating class feels her loss, but most importantly we will each remember her impact on us during our formative years. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those who love Rachael, friends and family.

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**Riley Faircloth** - July 22, 2014 at 06:10 PM

ML

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Rachel and the whole family. We love you .Mary Mc, Charlie and Brumby

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**Mary Mc Lisle** - July 22, 2014 at 12:21 PM

LW

“ We are all so heartbroken. Rachael was such a lovely young woman, bright, sweet and generous. I always enjoyed having her around when she would visit Katharine, that gorgeous smile, lots of laughing. All our animals loved her too. She had a sophisticated sense of humor for one so young. Rachael, I will never see peppermint bark without thinking of you. Thank you for rescuing the tiny kitten that you brought to us that has become our lovely Kiko. I have your parents and sister in my prayers. A bright, shining light has gone out. I will miss you sweet girl.

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**Lynne Wendt** - July 21, 2014 at 10:18 PM

GD

“ My prayers go out for your family at this terrible loss. Those of us who knew Rachael remember a bright smile and determined personality. She was a role model for us all. We will miss her so much. Please be comforted by the outpouring of love for Rachael and your family

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**Glenda Davis** - July 21, 2014 at 09:43 PM

CC

“ I didn't know Rachael well, but she was a senior in my section in chorus during my freshman year, and she was sweet and beautiful and had a lovely voice. I'm sorry for your loss.

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**Cristina Couvillion** - July 21, 2014 at 08:11 PM

IG

“ Rachael will be missed by all. I remember how sweet she was to me during my freshman year, both in cheerleading and in chorus. My prayers and condolences are with the Hamils.

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**Isa Gutierrez** - July 21, 2014 at 04:10 PM