



Rachel Irene Willingham

October 21, 1941 - July 6, 2023

Rachel I. Willingham, 81 of Newnan, GA passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. She was born October 21, 1941 in East Point, GA to the late Fred D. Salter and Gertrude McGahee Salter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Dewey A. Willingham and son-in-law, Buck Mathews. Rachel worked for over 50 years as a hairdresser and was a member of Elim Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, La'Nette Mathews and Melisa Wimett & her husband Carroll; grandchildren, Benjamin Wimett, Matthew Wimett and Amber Wimett; brother, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Salter.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA with Rev. Mike Harris officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 12:00 until service hour on Monday.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Rachel Irene Willingham*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 10, 2023 at 09:59 AM

LA

Such a beautiful tribute to the most important woman in our lives. She was loving and kind, she was tough as nails when need be, She raised her girls to be the same but most importantly she walked beside us in life as women of God. We love her so very much and appreciate all the loving hugs and cards & letters. Someday when God is ready, we will join her on the Glory side. La'Nette 💜

La'Nette - February 02, 2024 at 02:39 AM

LA

“ *I miss you mamma !!*



La'Nette - May 06, 2024 at 06:34 PM

PW

“ *My deepest condolences LaNette. I love the beautiful picture of your mom. I will be forever sorry that I did not get to meet her. I hope you will take good care of yourself and know that things will eventually settle down for you and family. Knowing that she is in God's hands now and loving every minute of heaven, will be the answer to sad moments.*



Priscilla Wyndham - July 25, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LA

Yes, Pris, we know in our hearts that God was waiting on the other side. Now she is truly alive !! Thank you for your heartfelt condolences.

La'Nette - February 02, 2024 at 02:00 AM

MW

“ *Melisa Wimett lit a candle in memory of Rachel Irene Willingham*



Melisa Wimett - July 11, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MW

Mom, You were the best mom we could have ever asked for! You were so fun (Six Flags, Stone Mountain, Ice Skating, playing with us) and we loved the special weekly mom and daughters' days! Our favorite memories are of Rich's Downtown Atlanta Christmas shopping trips and eating at the elegant Magnolia Room. We also remember that you were so strict and had lots of rules but that is what made us the responsible adults we are today. I pray that we have your best qualities and have passed them on to your grandchildren. You will be in our hearts and minds forever. We know that you are in Heaven with dad now. We will love you forever! Melisa and La'Nette

Melisa Wimett - July 11, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rachel Irene Willingham.*



July 09, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Irene Willingham.

July 09, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Sherell Graham-Owens lit a candle in memory of Rachel Irene Willingham*



Sherell Graham-Owens - July 09, 2023 at 01:58 PM



Always know that we love you at SMES!! Prayers 🙏 going up for you and your family! Love you.

Sherell Graham-Owens - July 09, 2023 at 02:01 PM



*Thank you! My St. Marys Elementary School family has been such a blessing! I thank God every day for sending me to teach with such a wonderful Administration and Staff. My mom, Rachel, would often tell me that God knew what he was doing when He sent me there to work.
Melisa*

Melisa Wimett - July 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM

EL

“ *Elaine LEE lit a candle in memory of Rachel Irene Willingham*



Elaine LEE - July 08, 2023 at 08:41 PM