



Rena Elizabeth Everett

March 3, 1946 - February 2, 2015

Rena Lawson Everett, 68, of Atlanta, died peacefully in her residence with her four children by her side on February 2, 2015. Rena was born on March 3, 1946, in New Orleans to Gladys Adair Bridges Lawson and Joseph Howard Lawson.

Rena was an extraordinary beauty inside and out. She was crowned Miss Empyrean at Newnan High School and won the Best Actress award, before her career as Rich's top model electrifying the Fashionata Runway at the Fox Theater. Rena was a member of the Cherokee Rose Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution and volunteered with the Junior League of Atlanta.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother Joseph Howard Lawson, Jr.

She is survived by her children, Rena Ann Peck Stricker, Rhonda Adair O'Gorman, Travis Ingram Peck, and Tiffany Peck Dougherty, of Atlanta, her sister, Ann Adair Lawson (Jon) Armstrong of Lookout Mountain, and her grandchildren, Roxie Elizabeth Stricker, Lawson Bridges Stricker, Everett Attridge O'Gorman, Elizabeth Adair O'Gorman, Monroe Bridges Peck, and Walter Redmond Dougherty.

Graveside burial will be at Sharpsburg Baptist Church Cemetery in

Sharpsburg, Georgia on Thursday, February 5, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Reception will follow at the home of Rena Ann & Eric Stricker in Atlanta.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

Rena wholeheartedly believed in the beauty of nature and the importance of education. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rena's honor may be made to the Ellis School for Deaf-Blind at www.ellisschoolatlanta.org, Pace Academy Alumni Scholarship Fund www.paceacademy.org, or The Georgia Land Trust www.galandtrust.org.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Sharpsburg Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 54
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Previous Events

Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:30 PM.

Rena Ann Stricker's Home, 2010 Springlake Dr. ATL

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I am so saddened by this great loss. Rena was an amazing person. My love and prayers to all the family. I miss you all very much.

Katie Abolt Friedel - February 13, 2015 at 07:09 PM

OD

“ The members of the Georgia State Society DAR extend our deepest sympathy upon learning of the death of Rena. She was such a valued member of our society. We pray that God's love surrounds your family and brings you comfort.

OB McCorkle, State Chaplain, DAR - February 09, 2015 at 01:55 PM

BS

“ Tiffany and Travis We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always so kind and generous. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time. - The Snowdens

Billy Snowden - February 05, 2015 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ We are so saddened to hear about Rena. Although we knew her only a short time, we have such fond memories of her. She will be truly missed. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Julia Jones and Bachir Mihoubi - February 05, 2015 at 10:04 AM

LM

“ Ann and Rena's children and grandchildren and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Rena growing up. Your family will be in my prayers. Linda Mealor

Linda Mealor - February 05, 2015 at 09:36 AM

MM

“ Rena Ann and Rhonda, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. What a beautiful and sweet lady she was. May God give you and your entire family comfort and peace at this sad time.

Marion (Handley) Martin - February 05, 2015 at 07:46 AM

TM

“ Ann, So sorry to hear about Rena. She was always beautiful and kind to me. Hoping you and your family are doing well. Theo

THEO MANN - February 04, 2015 at 03:52 PM

AG

“ Rena Ann, Rhonda, Travis & Tiffany, I'm so sorry to learn about your mother's passing. She was an amazing woman with such a tender, caring heart. I'll always cherish the times we all spent together. You'll be in our prayers. -Big Al

Allen Glenn - February 04, 2015 at 01:09 PM

CG

“ Dear Ann and family, I am so sorry to hear about Rena. She was a beautiful, shining light at NHS. Sending sympathy and prayers your way.

Cheryl Coggin Glisson - February 04, 2015 at 11:23 AM

LM

“ Dear Ann and Family, I am so sorry to hear the news about Rena. Our High School years were special, and I'll always remember her smile. It could melt the hearts of most boys. She was a beautiful girl with a matching personality as well. Please know that she was my friend, and I'll remember her always.

Lahman Moore - February 04, 2015 at 09:54 AM

FF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rena's passing. Our prayer's are with the family.

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - February 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SS

“ The boys and I are thinking about you and yours. We have Some great memories of happy times with your Mom and Dad.

Shirley Sharp - February 03, 2015 at 10:53 PM

JM

“ Ann, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have wonderful memories of growing up with Joe and Rena and later in life. She was a special person.

Joyce Johnson Morgan - February 03, 2015 at 10:24 PM

ML

“ Ann you are in my thoughts at this time, I remember how much your mother loved the three of you children and she often spoke of you when we taught together at Atkinson School. Love, Mary Long

Mary Long - February 03, 2015 at 07:27 PM

AL

“ I am so very sorry for your family's loss. I have many fond memories as a child of your family and especially your beautiful mother. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time.
Allison Handley Lynch

Allison Handley Lynch - February 03, 2015 at 05:12 PM

CJ

“ Dear family: I was so saddened to hear of Rena's passing. Please know that I send my deepest sympathy. Rena was a high school classmate and for me our class all seemed to be brothers and sisters of one big family. Although many of us don't see each other that often any more, I especially remember that Rena always had such a sweet personality and greeted everyone with a smile.

Claude R. Hammond, Jr. - February 03, 2015 at 04:16 PM

TE

“ Dear Rena, Rhonda, Travis and Tiffany: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your lovely mom.

Tina Brickley Engberg - February 03, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SS

“ Rhonda, Travis, Rena Ann, and Tiffany I am so very sorry. Our families have grown up together. Rena was a bright, beautiful star.....loving , kind, and fun. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Sandra

Sandra smith - February 03, 2015 at 03:01 PM

KD

“ Tiffany, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. -Kristin De Jesus

kristin DeJesus - February 03, 2015 at 02:29 PM

AA

“ All of the staff, teachers & therapists here at the Ellis School are so very sorry to hear of your family's loss. We will never forget Queenie's amazing style & beautiful smile as the amazing grandmother she was to our dear Adair. Our Ellis School hearts hurt as we support your beautiful family in this time of grief. With sympathy & love - The Ellis School Team

Alison Caputo - Ellis School of Atl - February 03, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CS

“ To Ann and all of Rena's family. I last saw Rena @ our 45th High School Class Reunion and of course she was beautiful, as always. I am so sorry she was not @ our 50th. I met her when we were in the 9th grade @ Newnan High where she was so popular and beautiful and loved. I will always remember her bright pretty smile. I have many memories of us laughing together. I am so sincerely sorry we have lost her here but now she will be an asset to those in Heaven.

Camilla Stevens-Cooper - February 03, 2015 at 11:18 AM

KW

“ You were a great friend in High School Rena and I wish you the best as you RIP.

Kenneth L Wright - February 03, 2015 at 10:36 AM

SC

“ Dear Ann and extended family: I was saddened to hear of Rena's passing. Please know that I send my sincere sympathy. Rena was my high school classmate and always exhibited a sweet spirit to all.

Suzanne Swanson Cochran - February 03, 2015 at 10:33 AM

SA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rena's passing away. She was my classmate and I remember so many parties and activities through our school years.

Sue Harris Atkins - February 03, 2015 at 08:46 AM

CB

“ Ann, so sorry to hear of your sisters passing. I have many fond memories of High School days and dancing recitals with Miss Alberta. I know you will miss her, and prayers are with you and your family.

Carlene Adcock Bohannon - February 02, 2015 at 09:51 PM

KM

“ So sadden to learn of Rena's death. She was a lovely person.

Karen Martin - February 02, 2015 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Rena. We have very fond memories of her growing up. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Geno and Louisa Smith

Louisa Smith - February 02, 2015 at 04:27 PM