



Rena Rowe McMichael

June 7, 1941 - March 4, 2024

Rena McMichael, 82, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away on March 4th, 2024, at her home surrounded by family. She was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia on February 1st and given 2 to 3 weeks to live. In true Rena fashion, she continued living weeks past that date, happily visiting with her many friends for almost a month while awaiting her appointment with God.

Rena was born in Luthersville, GA, to Robert and Nellie Rowe. At 19, she met her husband, David McMichael, the love of her life. They were married for 49 years and had two sons who were born on the same day, 5 years apart.

Rena spent her life serving others and gave her time generously, helping where she was needed. She taught 3-year-olds at First Baptist Newnan in the 70s and volunteered at First Baptist in Albany, Georgia and Mount Zion Baptist in Madison, Alabama. When her travels brought her back to Newnan 30 years ago, she continued to serve through the Bereavement Committee at First Baptist Newnan and the O.A House, a ministry for people in financial need. There Rena found joy in simply talking to people and helping them find clothes. She volunteered at Western Elementary, helping kindergarteners learn to read and making gift baskets for teachers. If you were sick or just feeling bad, you could always count on her special brownies or a pecan pie. Over the last few years, she quietly focused on writing and sending encouraging cards, and cheering shut-ins with visits and treats.

Rena was 100% mama. She was dedicated to raising her two boys. She supported her husband while he worked to make a better life for the family and his career moved them throughout the South. She worked at Lee King Pharmacy, Nut Tree Pecan Company, and APS Plumbing Supply, keeping many people straight and doing right. She always wanted you to keep your affairs in order and wasn't shy about reminding you that everything has a place, so put it back where it goes!

Rena is survived by her sons, Scott (Ann) McMichael of Huntsville, Alabama, Stan (Sherry) McMichael of Newnan, Georgia, granddaughters Beverly (Aaron) Christian and Dinara McMichael, and sister Robbie Hayes. She was preceded in death by her husband David McMichael. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 8th, 2024 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Newnan with L.C. Lane officiating. A visitation is scheduled at the church one hour before the service at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Newnan, Georgia. If you want to make Rena smile from heaven, tidy up your house and send someone a card.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery

200 Bethel Church Road
Luthersville, GA 30251

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

FP

“ From Bo and Lillia Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rena Rowe McMichael.

From Bo and Lillia Phillips - March 07, 2024 at 10:17 PM

FP

“ From Bo and Lillia Phillips purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rena Rowe McMichael.



From Bo and Lillia Phillips - March 07, 2024 at 10:17 PM

BG

“ Herman and I met Rena, David, and Stanley when Scott and our daughter Ann married in 1987. We always looked forward to her visits to Huntsville and had such a good time. At this last Christmas we celebrated with good company, good food, and good times. We will miss her very much. Beverly and Herman Gierow

Beverly Gierow - March 07, 2024 at 08:52 PM

DI

I'm so glad you had a chance to celebrate Christmas with her this past year! She too enjoys getting out of the house for a nice visit.

Dinara - March 07, 2024 at 11:46 PM

HP

“ *Rena was a lovely lady who personified friendliness, strength, and positivity. She and her husband David were our neighbors for some years and her smile was always a bright spot for me and many others, I am sure. After she moved, we would occasionally run into each other and those occasions, too, always left me uplifted. My deepest sympathy to all of her family in your great loss. She will be missed and remembered by many.*

Harriett Palmer - March 07, 2024 at 01:58 PM

FS

Rena was a wonderful friend to so many ! I am so sad that I didn't get to talk with her during her last few weeks ! I will do what she would have ask me to do and that would be to pray for her and for all of her Family she has left behind ! God Bless and keep your memories close !



Faye Segler - March 07, 2024 at 06:40 PM

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May Peace be With You. Carol Holden*

Carol Holden - March 07, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DI

Thank you Carol. We feel the love deeply!

Dinara - March 07, 2024 at 11:44 PM

MF

“ *Martha Chastain & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rena Rowe McMichael.*



Martha Chastain & Family - March 07, 2024 at 10:19 AM

WM

“ Wayne and Debbie McVay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rena Rowe McMichael.

Wayne and Debbie McVay - March 07, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rena Rowe McMichael.



March 07, 2024 at 08:52 AM

DI

“ Mimi, it's me Dinara, your sweet sweet granddaughter. I miss you. I love you. I have so many memories to cherish that you gave me. I'm still trying to think of my favorites. I still won't forget when you took me to the live nativity scene at Christmas and I got my hand stuck in a donkey's mouth because he wanted to taste the sweet left over Dairy Queen icecream we had before hand. I hope your eating lots of icecream in heaven and sharing it with Grandma Debbie cause she loved icecream too. Love you!!! 🌹🦋☀️

Dinara - March 06, 2024 at 08:13 AM

LS

“ When I first met Rena she was just over 45 years old. I knew her well for almost 35 years. She was completely dedicated to her husband David and he absolutely adored her and made it his mission to care for her. Rena took pride in a couple dozen recipes that she prepared with perfection. I still cook many of them today. Rena loved Christmas. What she did to make Christmas special for others was above and beyond. No one else put effort into gift giving and thoughtfulness like Rena. Birthday dinners were always delicious steak, baked potato, and salad. She worked hard to make others feel special. In addition to get well and birthday cards, she never failed to write a thank you note. Her greatest role beyond being a wife and mother, was that of “Mimi.” She was always available to catch a movie, shop or eat out at Panera or one of her other favorite lunch spots. She was wise and knew and understood more than most. Her church family at First Baptist was extremely important to her as was her dear older sister Robbie. Condolences to all who knew and loved this beautiful sweet lady!

Larisa Scott - March 05, 2024 at 08:48 PM

DI

I always loved her sweet potato casserole, chicken casserole, her baked spaghetti, and her porkchops she cook me in her little red airfryer!

Dinara - March 07, 2024 at 11:43 PM

GP

“ George Ann and David Phillips purchased the Fair rest of All for the family of Rena Rowe McMichael.



George Ann and David Phillips - March 05, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JD

“ *Rena was a special friend. When we moved into Commonwealth, she was one of the first people to visit. She was in my lunch group, and I enjoyed her so much. I will miss her.* ”

Jean Dorcheus - March 05, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DI

Hey Jean thank you for your kind words. She was always there if you needed a friend!

Dinara - March 07, 2024 at 11:42 PM