



Rhonda Reynolds Pate

July 9, 1959 - December 2, 2025

Rhonda was born July 9th, 1959, in Hartsville, SC, to William Joe and Nena Griggs Reynolds. She grew up in the Hartsville area and graduated from Hartsville High School. She later graduated from Francis Marion University. She taught children's Sunday School for many years and elementary school special needs children at Elm Street Elementary in Newnan, GA, for 26 years. She especially loved the Lord, her family, her town, reading, and going to the South Carolina coast, aka her "Happy Place". Rhonda passed away on December 2, 2025, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. Her family and friends will miss her dearly but rejoice that her pain is no more.

Rhonda is survived by her husband, Martin Bracey Pate; her children, Martin Taylor Pate(Lizzy), Nena Bracey Pate Wood(Nick); and her grandchildren, Griggs Dean Wood and Ives Catherine Wood. She is also survived by her mother, Nena Griggs Reynolds, and sister Robin Reynolds Morrison.

She is preceded in death by her father, William Joe Reynolds Jr, and brother Joel Rodney Reynolds.

The visitation is Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

TG

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Mrs. Pate. She made such a huge impact on my child’s life, and for that I will always be grateful. My daughter and I absolutely adored her—she meant so much to us, and her kindness, love, and presence will never be forgotten. Sending my heartfelt condolences to her family and everyone who loved her. She will truly be missed.

Timikel Geter - March 19 at 08:20 AM

LB

“ Laura B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.

Laura B. - December 30, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.



December 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

WJ

“ Wesley and Lisa Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.

Wesley and Lisa Johnson - December 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

IB

“ Isabel B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.

Isabel B. - December 09, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KH

“ Martin, Taylor and Bracey,

Rhonda was a dear, sweet friend. I shared many laughs and many prayers with her at Elm Street while I was lucky enough to work with her. She was always ready with a smile, wise counsel, and a prayer. Like so many others, I am a better person for having known her. My prayers are with you all.

Kim Higgins

Kim Higgins - December 08, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.



December 06, 2025 at 03:59 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Steerman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.

Stephanie Steerman - December 06, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TS

“ Terri Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.



Terri Smith - December 06, 2025 at 01:12 AM

TS

“ Terri Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Reynolds Pate.

Terri Smith - December 06, 2025 at 01:12 AM

TS

“ Rhonda was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. She touched so many lives at Elm Street. I know she touched mine. Her compassion and empathy for every student made such a difference in their lives. My thoughts are with her family and thank you for sharing Rhonda with us at Elm Street. I will never forget all she meant to me.

Terri Ann Smith - December 06, 2025 at 01:02 AM

JW

“ Martin, I am so sorry to hear about Rhonda. She was such a sweet person and fought a good fight with her cancer for so long. I will be out of town on the 14th and won't be able to attend the visitation. I pray God will give you and your family peace and comfort.

Joy Williams - December 05, 2025 at 03:30 PM

VG

Dear Martin, Taylor and Bracey, I am so sorry to hear of Rhonda's death...she will be missed by all who knew her...she and I had many years together teaching Sunday school...she was such a fine Christian lady and a great SS teacher...the children loved her and so did I...my hope is that your grief today will soon turn into sweet memories...may Gods loving arms provide strength and comfort for you all..

Velma Gulick - December 05, 2025 at 06:55 PM

GW

“ *May she rest in eternal peace.*



Geraldine Welch - December 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM

GP

“ *Martin I am so. Sorry for your loss My prayer for you and your family is that God will give you peace during such a difficult time. Keeping you and your family in. Prayer*

gerrie petty - December 05, 2025 at 12:12 PM

KW

“ *I worked with Rhonda at Elm Street for many years. She was such a joy to know. We shared many laughs and made many memories over the years. She took her job so seriously and loved all of her student. I have several notes in my china cabinet that she gave me over the years. She just knew what to write that touched my heart. She will be deeply missed. There will never be another one like her. Rest in peace my friend.....I love you!*

Katie Williams - December 05, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BS

Dear Martin,

I know what it is to lose your spouse. I am so sorry that you lost her so soon. I rejoice that she knew Jesus, and you will be together again one day. I pray for comfort and peace for you and your children.

Love, Bette Schumann

Bette-Ann Schumann - December 06, 2025 at 04:32 PM