



Ruby Jones Byrd

October 24, 1939 - May 10, 2025

Ruby Jones Byrd, 85, of Newnan passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Born on October 24, 1939 in Casa, Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late Millard Bernard Jones and Mazie Robinson Jones.

Her family lived in various places over her childhood, including Northern California during World War II. Ruby's family returned to Arkansas, where she met Charlie Byrd at Ouachita College, and they married and moved to Columbus, Georgia in 1960. While there, Ruby finished her undergraduate degree at Auburn University. Her eldest children, Charles and Robin, were both born in Columbus. The Byrds then moved to Newnan in 1972 where her younger children, David and Christy, were later born.

Ruby finished her Master's at West Georgia University. Ruby and Charlie raised their family at First Baptist Church in Newnan. She was a lifelong educator in the Coweta County School System, teaching at various schools in the community, and was recognized as Coweta County Teacher of the Year. As an elementary teacher and lead teacher, Ruby was committed to helping children learn and touched many lives over the years.

Ruby died on Mother's Day weekend after a long struggle with dementia. She had survived her husband, Charlie, by 26 years and five days. Still, her family remembers Ruby as a Southern lady with an indefatigable spirit of optimism, a

contagious joy, and a home that was always open to family. She traveled widely in her lifetime. She was an amateur genealogist, a fan of the Atlanta Braves, and an avid gardener. Ruby was a committed woman of faith who loved her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Charles A. Byrd; her daughter, Robin Byrd Goad and husband, Dean, and their three children, Sydney, Dean, and Rubylyn; her son, David Byrd and his daughters, Elizabeth and Emma; and her daughter, Christy Collins and husband, Ricky, and their children, Thomas and Savannah.

Among the last to see her were her sitter, Zelda Huston, who was so devoted to her care, and Mr. Cliff Stephens, a long-time friend, who was so lovingly committed to her well-being. Ruby will be laid to rest with her husband, Charlie, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Newnan.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson St., Newnan. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Jones Byrd*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 22, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Ruby Jones Byrd*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 16, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LH

“ Ruby Byrd was a wonderful Christian. In 2004 First Baptist Church Newnan had Small Groups; we studied *The Purpose Driven Life*. I asked Ruby to lead a small group, which met at my house. She accepted and led the group for eight years. We started the group with eight people. Eventually, we met at Gerry McCoomb’s house, and we now meet at the Commonwealth Clubhouse. Last year we had fifty people sign up

I also was in Delta Kappa Gamma and Never Grow Old with her. We also did some traveling together with other friends. She was a wonderful friend.

Ruby Byrd is gone, but she will not be forgotten.

May God give peace and comfort to the family.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4

Loretta Hamby - June 20, 2025 at 07:11 PM

PP

“ I am so very sorry for your loss!! Such a sweet lady!! Thoughts & prayers for your family! 💕🙏

Pam Helton Patterson - May 20, 2025 at 09:18 PM

TS

“ Tim Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Ruby Jones Byrd



Tim Shoemake - May 20, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

May 16, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



May 16, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ Inez and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

Inez and family - May 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Inez and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Inez and family - May 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



May 15, 2025 at 12:04 PM

SG

“ Condolences to the family. Mrs. Bryd was my favorite teacher at Madras. I have often thought about her down through the year. She was a very kind and gentle teacher.

I am so sorry

In Christ love

Susan Whitlock Gaddy

Susan Gaddy - May 15, 2025 at 10:35 AM

PC

“ I worked with Ruby at Atkinson Elementary School. I came to Newnan from Spanish Fort, Alabama right after I finished my student teaching. Ruby was on a different hall from me. She made a point to come to my room to let me know if I ever needed anything or just someone to talk to, she would be there for me. Being right out of college and have never been anywhere by myself, I was so thankful for her kindness. I was in DKG with her later after I retired from teaching. I paid \$50 for her Philadelphia Cream Cheese pound cake. It was worth every penny.

Peggy Rohe Covey - May 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MN

“ Michael and Melissa Norton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

Michael and Melissa Norton - May 14, 2025 at 06:33 PM

MN

“ Michael and Melissa Norton purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Michael and Melissa Norton - May 14, 2025 at 06:33 PM

NH

“ Nicole H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

Nicole H. - May 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM

FS

“ Fr. Stephen Lyness & St. George Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

Fr. Stephen Lyness & St. George Staff - May 14, 2025 at 11:23 AM

FS

“ Fr. Stephen Lyness & St. George Staff purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Fr. Stephen Lyness & St. George Staff - May 14, 2025 at 11:23 AM

MC

“ Christy and family, we're so sorry to hear of Ms. Ruby's passing. She was a sweet lady. Earth's loss is heaven's gain, and knowing that it is only temporary is wonderful. Those of us who know and love the Lord have the assurance that we will see our loved ones again. What a glad reunion day. Praying God will draw all of you close as you share precious memories together in the days to come, and that it will help to give you peace and comfort you until you see her again. Thank God for precious memories!
Love, hugs, and prayers.
Uncle Mike and Aunt Shelia

Mike and Shelia Collins - May 14, 2025 at 02:53 AM

MB

“ Mark & Lee Byrd purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Mark & Lee Byrd - May 13, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MD

“ Megan and Emily Darrow purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Megan and Emily Darrow - May 13, 2025 at 04:44 PM

MS

“ We would like to send our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the children and family of our dearest Ruby, may God Almighty Bless her soul. Our beloved Ruby was not only a close and loving cousin but a great friend. We have nothing but love and wonderful memories of Ruby. She will be dearly missed. Rest in Peace Miss Ruby R.I.P. Margaret and Mike Sarhan

Mike and Margaret Sarhan - May 13, 2025 at 09:04 AM

SP

“ Senn Brothers Produce purchased the Sweet Sin cerity for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Senn Brothers Produce - May 13, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



May 12, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



May 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

May 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Margaret & Mike Sarhan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Margaret & Mike Sarhan - May 12, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ George, Jeannie & Kie Robertson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



George, Jeannie & Kie Robertson - May 12, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

May 12, 2025 at 07:28 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



May 12, 2025 at 07:28 AM

VB

“ I remember Ms. Ruby as a sweet, gentle woman and a dedicated teacher. A beautiful soul is never forgotten. My sincere condolences.

Vesta Brown - May 11, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JH

“ Jill Jacobs Howell purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



Jill Jacobs Howell - May 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM

JW

“ I knew Miss Ruby through the twins when they were at Northside. She was a dear, sweet lady and will be missed.

Jennifer Welch - May 11, 2025 at 08:47 PM

TF

“ The Flanagan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruby Jones Byrd.



The Flanagan Family - May 11, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ The Flanagan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Jones Byrd.

The Flanagan Family - May 11, 2025 at 07:51 PM

CB

“ *The time for the Friday funeral is 2 pm ... not 11 am*

Charles Byrd - May 11, 2025 at 07:16 PM

GW

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on Ruby's passing. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. May she rest in eternal peace.*



Geraldine Smith Welch - May 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM