



Ruby Ann Jackson

October 16, 1942 - March 18, 2024

Ruby Ann Deriso Jackson, 81, of Newnan, GA passed away Monday, March 18th, 2024, in her home of fifty years. She was born October 16, 1942, in Marietta, GA to the late Walter Mabry Deriso, Sr. and Hilda Cecil Jackson Deriso. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, Radford Barry Jackson. Her parents moved the family to Newnan, GA when Ruby Ann was three years old, her father began his career as a cabinetmaker with Cole Shop. One year later, her brother Sonny arrived to complete their family.

Ruby Ann became a lifelong resident of her beloved Newnan, attending elementary through high school, graduating from Newnan High School with the class of 1960. She continued her education at West Georgia College, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in education. She taught elementary school grades 2nd through 5th over her thirty-year career at Elm Street Elementary School.

Ruby Ann and Barry married in a small family wedding at her mother Hilda's home on Roscoe Rd in August 1972. They loved life together, spending time fishing, gardening, and with friends and family. They grew their own family with the arrival of Rebecca Jackson Dodson in February 1979, and Matthew Barron Jackson in December of 1981.

Ruby Ann enjoyed spending her time caring for others in many aspects. She was tirelessly devoted to raising her children and running a tight ship at home.

She can be remembered as a willing volunteer for almost any need. Years were dedicated to soccer teams and the Coweta County Soccer Association, North American Soccer Camps, and the NHS Cougar Classic. She cherished her time assisting in many gymnastics meets at Newnan School of Gymnastics. When she wasn't volunteering for her children's sports, she could be heard cheering on the sidelines and never missed an event if she could help it.

Once her children were grown and had moved away, she turned her time to caring for her mother and Barry's parents. Years later after all parents had passed, Ruby Ann would reluctantly accept help from others when she spent a year battling breast cancer from 2004-2005. Like most challenges she faced, she proved herself stronger and overcame this hurdle and continued. Ruby Ann's greatest challenge would be supporting her husband Barry through the last decade of his life battling dementia, never wavering in her love and devotion, caring for him in their home until his passing in January 2023.

Ruby Ann was also a devoted, lifelong fan of her favorite sports teams. Regardless of up or down seasons, the Newnan High School Cougars, Georgia Bulldogs, and Atlanta Braves could count on her to cheer for them or offer unsolicited suggestions to improve.

Ruby Ann is survived by her brother Walter M. Deriso, Jr. (Sonny), daughter Rebecca Dodson, son Matthew Jackson (Heather), stepdaughter Janet Brumby (Bryan), ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Monday, March 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, and on Tuesday, March 26th from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home. The funeral service celebrating the life Ruby Ann lived will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 am in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to Elm Street Elementary School in memory of Ruby Ann Jackson. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Ruby Ann Jackson*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 26, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MY

“ *So sorry to hear of my friend and third grade teachers passing. I believe it was her first year of teaching as she was Miss Deriso to our class. Her Mother was our librarian at Elm Street Elementary. Sweet lady, was always good to see her around town. Prayers to her family. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager*

Mike&Bev Yeager - March 25, 2024 at 11:16 PM

CS

“ *Cricket Shelnutt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Ann Jackson.*

Cricket Shelnutt - March 25, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Jackson.



March 25, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ Some of my earliest memories are of trips to Newnan to visit my Gran Gran and my Newnan cousins! What fun we had! Ruby Ann held a special place in my heart because I remember going to see her parents, Hilda and Walter, in Marietta when she was only a few days old. I was about five at the time and was allowed to hold the tiny baby for a few minutes and felt so honored and "grown up." I treasure these memories, especially now that she is no longer with us.

Becca and Matt and Sonny, you have my deepest sympathy and love--

Nancy King Scoggins

Nancy King Scoggins - March 25, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Peggy, Dan, Jon & Jungrok King purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ruby Ann Jackson.



Peggy, Dan, Jon & Jungrok King - March 25, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Jackson.*



March 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Lee and Wendy Carter purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ruby Ann Jackson.*



Lee and Wendy Carter - March 23, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *I'm saddened to learn of Ruby Ann's passing. I was a classmate and remember her smile and good nature. My sincerest condolences.*

Kirby White - March 23, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family*



Johnathan Malone - March 22, 2024 at 04:11 PM

GW

“ I was so sad to hear that our longtime friend had passed away this week. Our family had a close relationship with her and her family for many years. She taught at Elm Street when Bobby was principal and when he taught there. He was extremely particular about our baby sitters and we were so happy when "Miss Ruby Ann" agreed to look after Jon and Jennifer. We were saddened when Mrs. Deriso and Ruby Ann's home burned in Sherwood Forest. Later, we were so happy that Barry and Ruby Ann married. Finally, in about 1972 our home on Willow Drive was for sale as we were building in Lakehills. The Jacksons purchased the home and expanded it by double. It must have been a happy place as they lived there over 50 years! May she rest in eternal peace. Our memories will continue forever!



Geraldine Welch - March 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Ms Deriso. I wouldn't dare call her Ruby as she taught me in second grade at Elm Street School in 1969. I attribute my love of books to her to this day. She read 'Charlotte's Web' to my class and made that wonderful book come alive by giving all the animals special voices. I was enthralled! My mother recently gave me a copy of 'Charlotte's Web' as I have always dearly loved that book and I have never seen or heard it without thinking about Ms Deriso perched on her stool after lunch, lights dimmed, reading to children enraptured by her 'performance' and learning to love reading.

To me, Ms Deriso was that one special teacher I'll never forget. She made me love going to school and love learning, a gift I'm sure she has given countless other students during her long career at Elm Street. She was a wonderful teacher and I was incredibly fortunate to have been her student 55 years ago.

Lori Wilson Hipp

Lori Hipp - March 22, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JW

“ *Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruby Ann Jackson*



Joy Williams - March 22, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Jackson.*



March 22, 2024 at 10:24 AM

KN

“ *Kay Kitchens Newman lit a candle in memory of Ruby Ann Jackson*



Kay Kitchens Newman - March 22, 2024 at 08:50 AM

GP

“ *Ruby Ann will be missed. She and Barry was there when Ray and I needed help. My prayer for her family is to find comfort and peace during this difficult time*

Gerrie Petty - March 22, 2024 at 08:50 AM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Ruby Ann Jackson



Gerrie Petty - March 22, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JW

“ Becca and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Miss Ruby Ann's passing. From the times when she babysat for Jon and me (She was the only sitter my dad would leave us with til we were much older—she had a Master's degree and had been teaching several years by then...you know my dad trusted her for sure!) to the days when she was my 3rd grade math teacher at Elm Street, there are so many memories of 'Miss Ruby Ann.' I'm sure she would be surprised at how many former students have memories of her that will stay with them. I know that her family will certainly miss her terribly. Thinking of you all in these difficult days.

Jennifer Welch - March 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM