



## Ruby Johnston

September 19, 1928 - November 2, 2021

Ruby Freeman Johnston, age 93, of Newnan, GA, went to be with the Lord on November 2, 2021. She was born on September 19, 1928, in River Junction, FL, now known as Chattahoochee, FL, to parents Warren A. Freeman and Ruby Mae Whitaker Freeman. After losing her mother at 21 months of age, she went to live with her grandparents, Gus and Amarintha Freeman in Sycamore, GA. She lived there with them until the age of 6 and in 1943 the family moved to Newnan, GA where she lived the remainder of her life.

Ruby retired from Southern Bell in 1968 after 20 years of service. The very next year she became employed with the Coweta County School System as secretary at Ruth Hill Elementary School, a job she dearly loved. After 16 years of service with the school system, she retired in 1984.

She was a genealogist enthusiast and one of the co-founders of the Coweta County Genealogical Society. She was an active member serving in all capacities and volunteering as the CCGS Research Center for many years before her health began to fail her.

She was married to her high school sweetheart, Alvin Johnston, for 57 years. They have one child, Laura Anne. Together they loved life and enjoyed traveling, boating and spending time at their cabin.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Alvin Edward Johnston. Surviving family members are her daughter and son-in-law, Laura Johnston Carmichael and William Robert Carmichael, and step grandchildren, Kevin Carmichael and Stephanie Carmichael.

The funeral service celebrating Ruby's life is Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Pastor Jason Settle officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday beginning at 1:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

A special thanks to her caregivers, Tiffany Garrett and Carolyn Geter, for taking such good care of her.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Ruby's memory to the Coweta County Genealogical Society, 8 Carmichael Street, Newnan, GA, or to New Hope Baptist Church, 3989 Corinth Road, Newnan, GA, or to Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA. Condolences may also be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://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

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

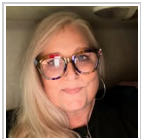
# Tribute Wall



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



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 06, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *In all my years, I've never met a sweeter soul. She was such a kind, loving, genuine woman who exuded her faith at all times. I am so thankful and blessed that God saw fit for our paths to cross. I enjoyed listening to all of her stories of her younger days, although she never mentioned sitting on that wall, holding hands with her sweetheart! Lol She always had to have her crackers and water, wearing her 100% cotton shirts! I've missed her and I'm heartbroken that I didn't get to visit for the last couple of years. I pray she knew how special she was, and will remain, to me. Fly high and rest in our Savior's arms, Mrs. Ruby. You are truly and angel. Until we meet again.... love and miss you. 🙏💕🙏*

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**Pamela Arrington** - November 11, 2021 at 04:02 AM

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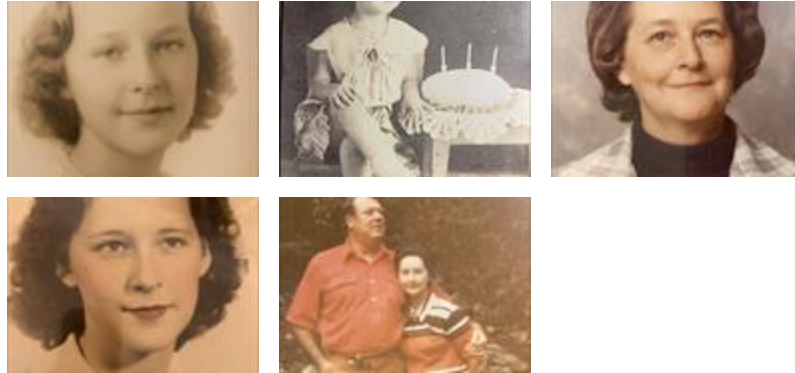
“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Ruby. She was so kind to me when I was a new teacher at Ruth Hill.*

*Charlene Grizzard Storey*

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**Charlene Storey** - November 07, 2021 at 03:58 PM

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Laura Carmichael - November 07, 2021 at 02:20 AM

LC

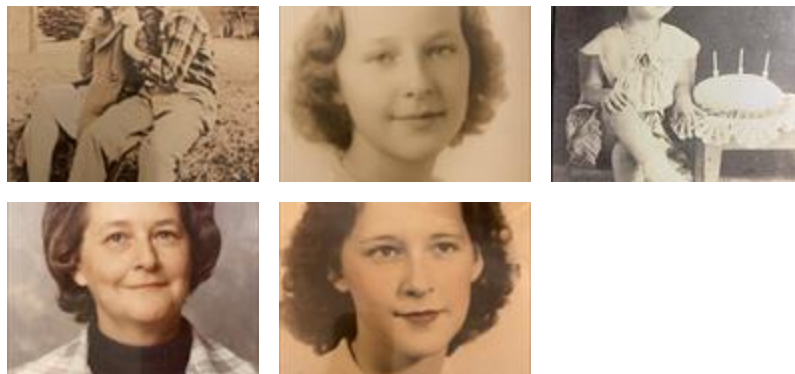
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Laura Carmichael - November 07, 2021 at 02:17 AM

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Laura Carmichael - November 07, 2021 at 02:12 AM

LB

“ *Lisa (Davis) Beck lit a candle in memory of Ruby Johnston*



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**Lisa (Davis) Beck** - November 06, 2021 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ *Dear Laura and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I have many great memories of you and your parents growing up as neighbors together. I know as a little girl I knocked on your door many times a day looking for you when I probably shouldn't have. Your Mother never hesitated to answer and be so kind and sweet. Such an honor to have such sweet neighbors and good friends to our family while living on Pinelea Dr.  
Lisa (Davis) Beck*

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**Lisa (Davis) Beck** - November 06, 2021 at 12:38 PM

LC

*Lisa thank you for your kind words. We have such good memories of Pinelea don't we? We had such a hood neighborhood. 💕*

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 07, 2021 at 02:02 AM

LC

*Supposed to be good neighborhood. Lol!*

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 07, 2021 at 02:04 AM

GW

“ *We will miss our friend, Ruby, and the cards and letters we have shared throughout the years. God be with Laura and Robert in the days to come. Glenna and Roger With*

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**Glenna With** - November 06, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LC

*Thank you Glenna. Mama loved all the cards you and Roger sent. I will save them forever. You both have become good friends. 💕*

**Laura Carmichael** - November 07, 2021 at 02:06 AM

SW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time. My mother Polly and I were also charter members and enjoyed CCGS with Ms Ruby. Susan Robinson Whatley*

**Susan R Whatley** - November 05, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LC

*Thank you for the kind words. Mama loved CCGS!*

**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 05:16 PM

FF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May God's grace and peace comfort you. Frank*

**FRANK M. FARMER** - November 05, 2021 at 12:27 PM

LC

*Thank you Frank.*

**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 02:34 AM

YB

*Laura, I am so sorry to hear of your mother passing. I remember the days of Pinelea Dr. too. We had a lot of fun and good memories that no one can take away. Your mom and dad were always so sweet and kind. I remember when your dad worked at the radio station and we would listen to all of the records that he brought home. We had a lot of fun. I wished we had kept in touch all these years. I do think of you often and will be praying for you. Your friend, Yvonne Hayes Binion*

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**Yvonne Binion** - November 05, 2021 at 08:34 AM

LC

*Thank you Yvonne. We have some great memories don't we? Pinelea was a great neighborhood.*

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JE

“ *Ms. Laura,  
Joyce and Josh Evans wish to send their condolences at the loss of your mother. They meet your mother and you at the Coweta Genealogy Society.  
Spoke of the kindness and help you both gave to them. You are in their prayers and thoughts. Sincerely, Joyce and Josh Evans.*

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**Joyce and Josh Evans** - November 04, 2021 at 08:49 PM

LC

*Thank you Joyce and Josh. Remember you both well. Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 02:13 AM

KD

“ *Laura, I was sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a great lady!*

*She meant so much to me growing up*

*She always had time to talk to me and ask me about how I was doing in school. You and your mother and dad were the best across the street neighbors we could ever hope for!*

*I will certainly be thinking about you in the days and weeks ahead. I will certainly never forget Pinelea Dr. because of y'all.*

*Sincerely,  
Dabo*

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**Kate Davis** - November 04, 2021 at 06:53 PM

LC

*Thank you Dabo and Kate for your kind words. We had THE BEST neighborhood growing up, didn't we? So many great memories! Love to you both. 💕*

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**Laura Carmichael** - November 05, 2021 at 02:18 AM

VI

“ *Vicki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruby Johnston.*



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**Vicki** - November 04, 2021 at 10:19 AM

YF

“ *Your New Hope Newnan Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ruby Johnston.*



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**Your New Hope Newnan Family** - November 04, 2021 at 09:17 AM