



## Ruby Swords

July 7, 1930 - February 23, 2025

Ruby Taylor Swords, 94, of Sharpsburg, GA slipped peacefully into heaven on Sunday, February 23, 2025 to meet Jesus and the love of her life Glenn.....after 45 years, dancing in heaven together again! She is survived by their children, Cathy Hoffman, Penny & Ted Brown and Philip & Lorri Swords. Her grandchildren, Tyler Brown, Trent Brown, Jacob Hoffman, Daniel Hoffman, Connor Swords (Kennedy), Annie Swords Spencer (Hartwell), Emmy Swords (Jake) and Reeves Swords; three great-grandchildren- Thompson, Millie Kate and Everly.

Ruby was born on July 7, 1930 to James Madison and Annie Catherine Taylor in Anniston, AL. As a child born in the depression whose daddy died when she was 6 years old, she learned quickly how to work and be responsible for herself and others. She worked with her mother to feed all the farm workers, made chenille bedspreads, just whatever she could find to support her family. She loved and excelled at school and learning; something that stayed with her even to her last days. She sang in school "operettas" and plays, even at the early age of 4 and through her years at Albertville High School in Albertville AL. She was on the Basketball Team and enjoyed extracurricular activities when she could find the time and money. She married Glenn B. Swords on September 5, 1946. Ruby worked to support Glenn while he attended Snead Junior College and the University of Alabama. Whether it was cleaning the bathrooms in the college dorms at Snead or working for the paper company in

Tuscaloosa, she always felt that you should bring excellence and integrity to every job. She also had many other occupations which she enjoyed, Travelers Insurance, Rich's Department Store, ABC Pediatrics and J&R Clothing. She worked and played tennis well into her 80's. She was also proud to work the election polls for many years.

Ruby was a stay-at-home mom, sewing, cooking, gardening, and decorating each home as she and Glenn moved frequently with his job in the Baking Industry. She was actively involved volunteering wherever the family moved in church, school and in the community. She spent lots of time driving children to church and school activities, practices, piano lessons and performances. She moved to Coweta County in 1974, when she and Glenn bought a little "farm" in Raymond. After Glenn's death she built a house on Canongate Golf course where she enjoyed playing tennis, gardening and enjoying her neighbors and friends, family and grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling to many areas of the U.S. as well as Europe. She continued to play tennis until she was 85 with her "Blitz the Ritz" and Lunch Bunch friends and the Young Guns as she called her "younger" tennis friends. She moved to her little lake cottage in Sharpsburg in her later years where she welcomed friends and family to her favorite spot, her back porch! She was always making a "drop" of sausage cheese balls, pecan pie, banana nut bread and it brought her such joy!

Ruby treasured and loved all of the family and friends in her life and wanted each one to know how important they were in her life well lived and loved and was so very thankful that God placed her in her family in the best country in the world, the United States of America. Our family is so grateful for all of you and especially some very special friends, Sharon, Dan and Tonya who assisted with her care for the past years. We treasure our angel of a nurse, Jan Storms, who we have adopted as family during these past two years of hospice care with Guiding Light.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 6 pm. at the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA. The family will receive friends on Saturday at 5 pm prior to the service. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to two of Ruby's favorite charities St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Tunnel to Towers or to the Coweta County Library.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 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 Swords*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 08, 2025 at 09:58 AM

MG

“ *Ms Ruby was always such a sweet lady to me over the years. She had a life well lived.*

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**Matthew G Griffies** - March 08, 2025 at 06:48 AM

LM

“ *Love, from Jim and Lindsay Milanowski purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ruby Swords.*



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**Love, from Jim and Lindsay Milanowski** - March 06, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LM

“ *Love, from Jim and Lindsay Milanowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Swords.*

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**Love, from Jim and Lindsay Milanowski** - March 06, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Ruby Swords.



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March 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM



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

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March 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Tandy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Swords.

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**Tandy B.** - March 02, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Sue Caylor lit a candle in memory of Ruby Swords



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**Sue Caylor** - March 01, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ Ruby was such a special lady. I've always enjoyed our conversations and her playfulness. I loved her very much and will greatly miss her.

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**Donna Slaton** - February 28, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruby Swords.*



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February 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM



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

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February 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Jessica B lit a candle in memory of Ruby Swords*



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**Jessica B** - February 28, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Debbie Stoudenmire lit a candle in memory of Ruby Swords*



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**debbie stoudenmire** - February 28, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KP

“ *Kippy Parker lit a candle in memory of Ruby Swords*



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**Kippy Parker** - February 28, 2025 at 09:46 AM

PS

*Thank you*

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**Philip Swords** - March 04, 2025 at 06:27 AM

TS

“ *Tim Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Ruby Swords*



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**Tim Shoemake** - February 28, 2025 at 05:18 AM

TT

“ *Philip, Kelly and I are very sorry for the loss of your Mom. I always looked forward to seeing her on election day. I know that she will be missed by you and your family.*

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**Tom Touchstone** - February 27, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Beall Winstead purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ruby Swords.*



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**Lisa Beall Winstead** - February 27, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RW

“ Philip and Lori, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I pray that God will wrap his arms around you all and give you peace in the coming days.

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**Ruth Warren** - February 27, 2025 at 04:27 PM

LT

“ Philip I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was always so sweet to me. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending love and hugs to all of you.

*Leigh Dutton Trisler*

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**Leigh Dutton Trisler** - February 27, 2025 at 02:52 PM

LM

“ Someone called Ruby," A perky little lady", which was a perfect description. We go back many years to sitting in the football stadium of Newnan High, freezing with hot chocolate to watch the band, yes, that's right. Phillip conducted and our two played. We connected through many church activities...Also, She even provided the going-away dress for Marie in The Sound of Music-- Senior Play when Phillip was Capt Von Trapp. She was a loving, "Jack of All Trades." Always positive! The world needs more Ruby Swords!' Sincerely, Luine Baxter Miller

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**Luine Baxter Miller** - February 27, 2025 at 02:37 PM