



## Rufus Dorsey Goss

February 25, 1947 - April 13, 2021

Rufus Dorsey Goss, age 74, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born in Fulton County, GA on February 25, 1947 to the late Talmadge and Mary Glosson Goss.

Along with his parents, Dorsey as he was known by family, is preceded in death by his daughter, Amanda G. Freeman; grandson, Jaydon Metzger and brothers, Lamar Goss and Luther Goss. Dorsey is survived by his wife, Ruth Lewis Goss; daughter, Mary Beth Metzger and her husband Andy; grandchildren, Andrew Freeman, Zechariah Metzger, Jeremiah Metzger; great grandchildren, Audrey Freeman, Amanda Freeman, Bentley Freeman and brother, Bobby Goss and his wife Ellen.

The graveside service celebrating the life Dorsey lived is Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan with Dr. Joel Dover officiating. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan.

Condolences may 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

APR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery  
96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *A wonderful father and Namps. I miss him so much already. We love you. Til we see each other again.*

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**Mary Beth, daughter** - April 26, 2021 at 09:25 PM

VA

“ *My sincerest condolences to Dorsey s family We worked together at Lowes in Newnan for a number of years and he was a good friend Small world not withstanding but when my God son moved to GA from NY he became a cop in Eastpoint and who was his Sargeant,? Good Ole Dorsey. And they became good friends When Dorsey retired my God son took his place RIP Dorsey you were a good guy and we shall meet again Vince Amoroso*

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**Vince Amoroso** - April 21, 2021 at 08:41 PM

GE

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jimmy and Genelle Davenport*

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**Genelle** - April 19, 2021 at 05:31 PM

DH

“ *Elaine and I want to offer Ruth and the family our prayers and condolences. I was so shocked to hear of Dorsey passing. I enjoyed working with him at the Police Dept. so much. He was a joy to work with. I can still see the twinkle in his eyes when he was about to play a trick on one of us. The world lost a beautiful person. We thank God for putting him and his family in our lives.*

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**Donald Harris** - April 17, 2021 at 12:29 PM

AM

“ *Condolences for your loss, He and Leon are reminiscing about the good old days.*

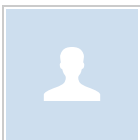
Angela McBurnett - April 17, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Dorsey and I worked many years together at Lowes. We will miss seeing him here at the store and will never forget him.*



Susan Cole - April 16, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rufus Dorsey Goss.*



April 16, 2021 at 03:09 PM

JJ

“ *We shared good times and a lot of laughs with Dorsey at Lowe's. Condolences to the family.*

Jeff Joseph - April 16, 2021 at 09:44 AM

LH

“ *My daughter and Mary Beth became friends and that began my friendship with Dorsey and Ruth at East Point Christian Church. He truly loved and supported his daughters. I do remember his support and love to Amanda through her battle with Lupus. Through the years we went our separate ways, but I will always remember Dorsey as a family man that loved his parents and siblings, his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.*

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**Linda D Hemperley** - April 15, 2021 at 08:40 PM

LF

“ *Lisa Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Rufus Dorsey Goss*



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**Lisa Fitzpatrick** - April 15, 2021 at 07:59 PM

TB

“ Sergeant Goss was an East Point legend; one of those cops I saw EVERYWHERE when I was a kid growing up...grocery store...local church...high school football games eating hogtdogs...he was part of the backdrop to the story of my life. I could not believe my good fortune when, in 1988, I became an East Point officer in some small way as an ode to so many of my childhood heroes, the good guys at EPPD. Sgt. Goss always, and I mean always, had a good word to say - to everybody! If he wasn't smiling or telling a story or relating his life to those we served, something was terribly wrong, or he just hadn't had enough coffee yet! Those moments were rare. There was never any question about which Sgt. Goss was walking into rollcall - it was the same trustworthy, dependable, even-keeled man EVERY SINGLE TIME. We all needed that. A lot of who I am today is largely due to Sgt. Goss being who he was then. He was a treasure, and he will be missed but remembered fondly by many. My sincere condolences to his friends and family. To the East Point crew who may read this, I challenge you to think of Sgt. Goss right now - he's smiling isn't he? What a great legacy!

- Tim Barge

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**Tim Barge** - April 15, 2021 at 05:15 PM

BH

“ It has been my privilege to be friends with Dorsey Goss since 1981. As a new police officer, he, along with a select few, taught me so much. He was a kind, gentle man, quick with a smile, and always ready to help. He could defuse most situations with a few kind words or a story, while enforcing the law.

*I will always remember him and be thankful for the opportunity to work with him. It was an honor and he will be missed.*

*Bobby Harrelson*

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**Bobby Harrelson** - April 15, 2021 at 04:18 PM

PS

“ I met Dorsey when he came to work at Lowes. He shared many wonderful life lived conversations over a cup of coffee with myself and other co-workers. I have great respect for his commitment to values. A strong dedication to standing for his belief in God, and sharing his faith. Rest with Jesus my friend.....Patrick & Patricia Stransky

Patricia Stransky - April 15, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rufus Dorsey Goss.



April 15, 2021 at 11:09 AM

DV

“ My condolences to the Goss family. Dorsey was one of my few training officers at East Point before there was even such a thing as a training officer. When we rode together I learned that he worked part time with my dad at Colonial stores and was a friend of my dad. He was a brother in blue and my part time dad-he watched over his rookies like a mother hen. He used to take me to his house for lunch or supper with his family whenever we rode together. I bumped into him in Newnan several years ago and he hadn't changed one bit. He was as happy go lucky as ever. I cannot describe how sad I am to hear of his passing. He will be missed so very much. Godspeed Goose!

Danny Vogt

Danny Vogt - April 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rufus Dorsey Goss.*



April 15, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Oh my so many good things i can say about Dorsey he was the most kind hearted loving man i know. Always had a ssmile or laugh to give to you. He as kinda like a Brother in law for 10 yrs when i was with Ruth's brother. Loved to be around him and hear the stories about his time as LEO. Every time we went to Lowes i would try and find him chat and check on the family. You will be missed Dorsey. Sending prayers to Ruth and the family. God bless you all and i still love ya'll to*

**Glenda B Helton** - April 15, 2021 at 01:02 AM



“ *Kathi W. Sumner lit a candle in memory of Rufus Dorsey Goss*



**Kathi W. Sumner** - April 14, 2021 at 10:58 PM

TD

“Fondly remembered as Sgt. Goss at the East Point Police Dept. “Goss” was a Good friend, a Good Sergeant and a good Christian man. We all had great respect for him and loved him very much. Teresa Donovan, Major, E.P.P.D, Ret. Dorsey was a steady worker, a good partner and fun to be around. We worked as partners, Dorsey as my senior, one who taught me quite a bit. I will miss his smile. Dick Donovan, E.P.P.D., 1971-1976.

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**Teresa Donovan** - April 14, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus Dorsey Goss.



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April 14, 2021 at 09:52 PM

RM

“Dorsey has been a good friend for more than 55 years, going back to our days at Russell High School. We then worked together for many years with the East Point Police Department. Dorsey was like a brother that I never had. His dedication to his job and his Christian beliefs will always be an inspiration. Prayers for Ruth and the family. He will truly be missed! May God Bless!

*Bob Mathews*

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**Robert Mathews** - April 14, 2021 at 07:16 PM