



## Ruth Drake

March 1, 1937 - May 5, 2015

Ruth Bridges Drake, 78, of Newnan died peacefully Tuesday morning, May 5, 2015, at home after a long, valiant struggle with cancer. She was born March 1, 1937 in Dawson, Georgia to the late Charlie B. Bridges and Nettie Bigbie Bridges.

Ruth grew up in Dawson, Georgia and was a graduate of Terrell County High School and Mercer University. After graduating from Mercer, she taught elementary education in Dekalb County before accepting a teaching position at Elm Street Elementary School in Newnan. While teaching in Newnan, she met her future husband, W. Homer Drake, Jr., whom she later married on July 26, 1969. A longtime, devoted member of Central Baptist Church, she was a member of the church's Myrtle Arnall Mann Sunday School Class. Ruth had countless friends and her magnetic personality made her loved and admired by all who knew her.

The memorial service is Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 11 o'clock at Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, Georgia with Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. The family will greet friends in the church's fellowship hall following the memorial service. A private, family burial will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be made to Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1221, Newnan, Georgia 30263.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include her husband, Judge Homer Drake, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge;

sons, Walter Homer Drake, III and his wife Tracie West Drake, Taylor Bridges Drake and his wife Lori Chambless Drake; brother, Don Eli Bridges and his wife Juanita of Dawson, Georgia; grandchildren, Harrison Drake, Wesley Drake, Ella Catherine Drake, Wheeler Drake, Taylor Drake, Jr., Henry Drake; nephews, Charlie Bridges, Tracy Bridges, Henry Drake; and nieces, Donita Bridges, Marykate Drake, Katherine Ann Drake.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St.  
Newnan, GA 30264

## Visitation

MAY 9 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Dear Judge Drake, I just heard the very sad news about Mrs. Drake. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Myra Whorton Ehrenpreis - May 29, 2015 at 05:31 PM

AH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Mrs. Drake. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Allen and Dominique Hammond - May 13, 2015 at 09:24 AM

JL

“ Dear Homer and Family, Ruth was one of a kind - such a beautiful, gracious southern lady and so kind and generous to all. All who knew her have been blessed beyond measure. Love, Joe and Carole

Judge and Mrs. Joe Lee - May 12, 2015 at 05:16 PM

SD

“ Homer, please accept my deepest sympathy. Ruth was a lovely lady and a wonderful teacher, and she taught me so much when I did my practice teaching under her before I graduated from college. She was an exceptional person, and I know you will her very much.

Sandra Cenkner Daras - May 11, 2015 at 05:20 PM

RH

“ Judge Drake and Family, My deepest sympathy is extended for your loss. Mrs. Ruth was a fabulous lady, a southern belle - always friendly and gracious. Her personality and big heart will be missed by all who knew her. Newnan has lost a stellar citizen. Your family is in my prayers, for peace and comfort, through our loving God.

Robin Harlan - May 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM

MG

“ I pray that God keeps your spirits forever entwined. May you receive comfort in your time of sorrow. Millie Graves

Millie Graves - May 11, 2015 at 12:23 PM

EH

“ Dear Judge Drake, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of grief. Three words come to mind as I think of Mrs. Ruth, friendly, proud and strong. May GOD's love continue to hold you up and protect you. Earl and Linda Hampton

Earl Hampton - May 09, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CO

“ So sorry for your loss.

Carol Orleck - May 09, 2015 at 09:24 AM

DC

“ from Kahlil Gibran....."Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance."

Dave Clemens - May 09, 2015 at 08:11 AM

SC

“Homer, Suzanne and I were saddened to hear of Ruth's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family today, and in the days to come. Stacey

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**Stacey Cotton** - May 08, 2015 at 10:10 PM

CA

“Judge Drake and Family, Kip and I have had all of you in our thoughts and prayers, and especially this week. We are so sorry to hear of Mrs. Ruth's passing, but it is comforting to know she is now with her Lord. I will truly miss her, for I looked forward to seeing her at Bible Study or wherever, for she often shared precious, yet powerful, words of wisdom with us. I always admired her extensive knowledge of the Bible...she was a true Christian lady...a Godly woman...and an inspiration and blessing to all of us that knew her. May God's love and grace be with you during this difficult time. Cindy Adams

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**Cindy Adams** - May 08, 2015 at 08:13 PM

JS

“Judge Drake & Family, Memories are forever yours, carry them in your heart. Praying for the entire Drake family during this time.

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**Jackye' Shields** - May 08, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MD

“I was saddened to learn about Ruth's passing. She was a special lady who brought laughter and happiness to so many. I treasure the time we traveled together. She made everyone who met her feel special. I hope the support of your family and friends help you in this difficult time. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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**Michael Dobbins** - May 08, 2015 at 12:08 PM

BW

“ Mr. Homer and family, Beth and I are saddened at the news of Miss Ruth's passing. She fought this disease for so many year. She was one of the strongest people we have ever known. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, and christian lady. Our prayers are for all of the Drake family.

Beth and Jimmy Walker - May 08, 2015 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Miss Ruth. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Robin

Robin Barron Mann - May 07, 2015 at 06:34 PM

DW

“ We are praying for your family. Bless Mrs. Ruth's heart she fought a good fight and now she is made perfectly well. Peace for Mr.Homer and family.

Danny/Lynn Wilson - May 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM

NB

“ My deepest sympathy on the passing of Mrs Ruth. I know she will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.

Nettie Bateholts - May 07, 2015 at 02:48 PM

RJ

“ I am sorry to hear of Ruth's death. Know that she is no longer suffering and is in a much better place.

Ruby Jackson - May 07, 2015 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ Dear Judge Drake, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss. We wish you the best !

Ben Beng - May 07, 2015 at 08:21 AM

DO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Miss Ruth. She was a beautiful lady, and will be missed by all that knew her. Thoughts and prayers!

Debbie Olmstead - May 06, 2015 at 11:11 PM

BC

“ To the Drake Family, Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of Miss Ruth. She was a very special lady and I know everyone who knew her will miss her. May God give you comfort and strength as you go through this sad time.

Brenda Clark - May 06, 2015 at 10:39 PM

PM

“ May God give you peace and comfort at this most difficult time.

Peggy Montgomery - May 06, 2015 at 07:02 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your loss.anything we can do to help your family please call. Thoughts@prayers with you.your neighbor @friend.rita@larry

rita@larry gresham - May 06, 2015 at 04:49 PM

AW

“ To the Drake Family, I am deeply saddened by the loss of your most precious and gracious Ruth. You remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Angelyn Wright - May 06, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RW

“ Dear Judge Drake and family: Please accept our deepest sympathies. Ruth was a wonderful, genuinely nice person who brightened your day every time you spoke with her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Rob and Beth Williamson** - May 06, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MP

“ My heart is heavy with Ruth's death. She was a beautiful woman in Christ...her very being before and during her struggles with cancer was a testimony to God and His care. You could take one look at her and see Him! Much prayer for her family and loved ones

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**Mary Ellen Phillips** - May 06, 2015 at 02:36 PM

MT

“ Dear Judge Drake, We express our most sincere condolences for you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,  
Matt and Lori Thompson

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**Matt and Lori Thompson** - May 06, 2015 at 01:23 PM

KW

“ This great lady will be missed. She had a magnetic personality.

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**Kyle Weems** - May 06, 2015 at 12:59 PM

BA

“Homer, Walter, Taylor and families, Jimmy and I are so saddened by Ruth's passing. We know how long and hard she fought her illness to be able to stay with all of you. She was so special to us as a dear neighbor and we loved her so! Please know you are all in our prayers as you face living without your dear one. We love all of you and send our sympathy to you.

Brenda C Adams - May 06, 2015 at 12:58 PM

CW

“Please accept m sincere condolences for the loss of your wife. I'm sure she will truly be missed b UT God has a plan. Be encouraged. God is able to do exceedingly, abundantl\ more than we could ever ask. Rejoice and be glad in th e Lord.

CSO Selma Wilson - May 06, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MM

“My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of Ruth. My prayers are with you.

Michael McCormick - May 06, 2015 at 11:31 AM

LW

“Please accept my condolences on the passing of Mrs. Drake. Your family is held in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Whitman - May 06, 2015 at 11:09 AM

TF

“Walter, Tracie, and Family: Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. It was truly a pleasure to know Mrs. Ruth.

The McDonald Family - May 06, 2015 at 11:04 AM

KS

“ Please except our deepest condolences on Mrs. Ruth passing. We remember her so fondly routing on her "boys" at Newnan High.

Kathy and Kirk Stallings - May 06, 2015 at 10:56 AM

FF

“ Miss Ruth was such an inspiration over the years. She carried herself with grace, confidence, and dignity in every thing she did. She became a great friend and we have and will miss seeing her at Church so much. Our prayers have been with all of you and will continue during this difficult time. Newnan has lost one fine lady. She will be missed. Let us know if we can do anything for you. Love Frank and Melody

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - May 06, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DJ

“ Dear Homer and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Ruth's death. She has been a trouper and a true fighter, all the while thinking of others. May the good Lord give you and your family peace, love and unstanding during these difficult times. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - May 06, 2015 at 10:24 AM

BC

“ Homer, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your lovely wife. Your friend, Bobby Lee Cook

Bobby Lee Cook - May 06, 2015 at 10:17 AM

GC

“ Please acceptn

G, T. Conner - May 06, 2015 at 07:58 AM

YH

“ To the Drake family, Sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Ruth. Surely she will be missed. She is now taking her much deserved rest. You are in my prayers and thoughts for peace and comfort. Remember "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord".

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**Yvonne Holmes** - May 06, 2015 at 01:55 AM

MY

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Ruth's passing. Our prayers to the family during this time

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**Mike & Bev Yeager** - May 05, 2015 at 10:51 PM

BW

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Ruth. She was a brave lady who fought the good fight. Bobby taught with Ruth at Elm Street the first year we came to Newnan in 1962. She will truly be missed by all those who knew her.

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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - May 05, 2015 at 06:59 PM

RH

“ I am so sorry to hear the news about Ruth. She was such a great lady. She always took such a genuine interest in other people and she loved her family so much. She had a good life, albeit too short. Ruth will be missed by everyone who knew her.

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**Richard Herzog** - May 05, 2015 at 04:18 PM