



## Ruth Rakes Lee

February 5, 1930 - May 10, 2020

Ruth Rakes Lee, 90, a former longtime resident of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2020, with her son David by her side.

She was born to the late Otha and Estelle Rakes, Feb. 5, 1930, in Acmar, Alabama. Ruth graduated from Woodlawn HS in 1947 and earned a BA in in Math Education from the University of Alabama in 1951. She later received post graduate degrees from Troy State University and West Georgia College. She was a career educator of over 50 years and taught subjects ranging from elementary reading to high school physics.

Ruth married the late Dr. Robert Edward Lee in 1951. They lived together in various towns in south Alabama for ten years, had two children (Greg and David), and then relocated to Austell Georgia in 1961. In 1969 they moved to Newnan, Georgia, where they lived together for 43 years until the passing of her beloved husband Bob in 2012. The progression of Alzheimer's required Ruth move to a memory care facility in Cumming, Georgia, in 2016 to be near her son David and his family.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband Robert (deceased 2012), son Gregory Robert Lee (deceased 2017) and son John (deceased 1963). She is survived by her middle son David Rakes Lee and his wife Ellen. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Amanda Ostrosky (Jared) and Christopher

Lee; two great grandchildren, Ella Kate, and Elliott Ostrosky; and many other relatives.

Ruth was an avid traveler, bridge player, and Alabama Football fanatic. She passed on her love of travel and teaching to all her children and grandchildren. She was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Newnan until she moved away. She was a model of kindness to all her friends and co-workers and was always immensely proud of her family. To all who were fortunate to have known her, she leaves behind dear memories.

Due to restrictions from the current pandemic, there will not be a public funeral. A private family burial will take place at a time to be determined at the Forrest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan, Ga. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in support of Alzheimer's research or to the First Methodist Church of 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

## **Forest Lawn Memorial Park**

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear David, Ellen, and family,  
I am saddened to read of the passing of Ruth Lee. I had lost touch with her and had no knowledge of her health impairment. When I first joined the ranks of Coweta County School System. Ruth was so kind and so very proud of her family. I guess the last time we saw each other was at Golden Corral where she and Dr. Lee often had lunch , as did Steve and myself.  
I know this is a sad time for all of you, but you can be comforted by her long and productive life. And she is now and forever with her beloved Bob!  
Nancy Faver (and Steve Hardegree)  
Newnan, GA

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**Nancy & Steve Hardegree** - May 17, 2020 at 03:56 AM

BS

“ David,our thoughts and prayers are with you and you r family. Miss Ruth was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, mentor and friend. Carolyn and Brad Sears

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**brad sears** - May 13, 2020 at 05:36 PM

LB

“ Dearest David, My thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences are with you and your family during this time of transition. I remember so many great times during all our families' years together at FUMC, and appreciate how our lives were touched by the graciousness of your Mother. What a legacy she leaves behind in our community.  
God bless you, Linda Banks

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**Linda Banks** - May 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM

PC

“ *David and Family,*  
*So glad you were able to share Ruth's 90th B.D. celebration with her Newnan friends and former co-workers. I so enjoyed my time with Ruth when she came to East Newnan School to work with students needing help with reading, driving an old school bus that had been renovated to accommodate her students. She was always so caring and patient with them and they loved her. She had a wonderful sense of humor that I loved and shared many a funny moment with her. Thank you for the love and care you have given in her declining years.*  
*Pat Craven*

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**Pat Craven** - May 13, 2020 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ *Bobby and I extend our sincere condolences on Ruth's passing. We knew her since 1970 when Dr. Lee and Bobby worked together for such a long time in the Coweta County School System.*  
*Ruth was always friendly and down to earth. May the good memories of her long, fruitful life comfort you.*



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - May 13, 2020 at 07:55 AM