



Sophia Camp

July 2, 1919 - February 3, 2012

Sophia Stephens Camp passed away at her Moreland home Friday, February 3, 2012, after a long illness. She was born July 2, 1919, in Lanao Public Hospital, Mindanao in the Philippine Islands. The daughter of Mary Crowder Stephens and Major Lee Stephens, she was named for her grandmother of Handy Community, Sophia Wortham Crowder. Living in the Philippine's, where her father was serving as military governor of Lanao Province, she spoke Spanish before English, the result of her Philippine governess.

Mrs. Camp returned home to complete her education by boarding a steamer for passage to San Francisco. She graduated from Newnan High School in 1936 and from the University of Georgia in 1939 with a BA in history and was a charter member of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She directly experienced the great events of her generation, the Great Depression and World War II. In 1939, she married Jack Tarpley Camp of Newnan and Moreland who soon joined the U.S. Marine Corps and participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and the occupation of mainland Japan. Her parents, who had remained in the Philippines, both were taken prisoner after the Japanese invasion and spent three years suffering brutal treatment in Santo Tomas, a Japanese concentration camp. During this time, Mrs. Camp lived with Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Camp at 155 Greenville Street in Newnan and bore her first child, Jack T. Camp, Junior on October 30, 1943.

On the same day, February 19, 1945, her husband landed on the beaches on Iwo Jima and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's armored cavalry liberated her

parents from San Tomas Prison Camp. To the delight of Maj. and Mrs. Stephens, the first tank to break through the walls of the prison camp had a Georgia Peach painted on the side and was manned by Georgia soldiers. Mrs. Camp loved children and was a devoted and lifelong school teacher. She taught at East Newnan and East Coweta elementary schools in Coweta County and Union City and Fairburn elementary schools in Fulton County. She earned her Masters Degree in Education from Auburn University and retired from her teaching career in 1985. As a person and teacher she affected the lives of countless children, not the least of whom were her two grandchildren. Her loving care for all God's creatures was also well known—from her childhood pet monkey in the Philippines to her beloved herd of Polled Hereford cattle in later life, as well as to many strays rescued along the way. Optimistic and steadfast in all situations, she never shirked a duty. She channeled unbounded energy with fine common sense, and quietly helped all those in need around her. Above all, she was devoted to family & friends. Mrs. Camp dearly missed her many friends who preceded her in death. A lifelong Presbyterian, she could say as did St. Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Mrs. Camp will be missed but never forgotten.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The visitation is Monday, February 6, 2012 between 9:00 -10:45 AM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. The graveside service will follow at 11:00 AM at Forest Lawn Memorial Park with Dr. Harry Barrow officiating. The family respectfully requests no flowers and memorial contributions to either Newnan Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1107, Newnan, GA 30264 or the charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Camp is survived by her son, Jack, Jr., and his wife, Liz; by her grandson and his wife, Thomas Henry (Harry) and Jeaneane Fountain Camp of Atlanta; and by her granddaughter and namesake, Sophia Rose Camp of Arlington, Virginia; cousins Len Crowder of Dresden Community and Marialis Crowder Hamlett of Albany; Ann Stephens Henry of Franklin; and a host of Stephens,

Wortham, Hollingsworth, and Crowder cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
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Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside Forest Lawn Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Jack and Family, we are sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a delightful Lady. Your and your Mother's hospitality at her home is a fond memory. With kind regards and sympathy, Chuck & Marie Burroughs

Chuck & Marie Burroughs - October 09, 2012 at 12:40 PM

DE

“ Dear Camps, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Miss Sophie was always so inviting and nice to me. Her wisdom and nurturing was very inspiring. I wish Tammy had gotten to know her better. Our families have always been a large extension of each other. Please know that we are thinking of you and that we are here as part of your family in this time of need. Thank you so much for being such a big part of my(our) life. I will always remember Miss Sophie fondly. Love you all-- DuB and Tammy

DuB and Tammy Ellis - February 06, 2012 at 07:35 PM

VW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. "Miss" Sophia was a charming and gracious lady.

Vicki Duncan Warren - February 06, 2012 at 11:15 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Miss Sophie's passing. She was a wonderful lady. I have some precious memories from my childhood, which will stay with me. Our prayers are with your family.

DAVID COVIN - February 05, 2012 at 10:03 PM

GG

“ Dear Jack, Liz and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May your many happy memories bring comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gale

Gale Goldenberg - February 05, 2012 at 01:55 PM

SW

“ Ya'll are in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - February 05, 2012 at 08:01 AM

LW

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, wish you and your family the best. If you need anything call.

Larry and Linda Williams - February 04, 2012 at 05:46 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, praying for you family if need anything please let us know

Jerry and Jeanette Williams - February 04, 2012 at 05:45 PM

VD

“ Lix and family please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. My our great God give you peace and comfort, as only He can. Remember we love you and we care about your loss. We will miss her faithful service in DAR. Love, Violette

Violette Deney - February 04, 2012 at 04:37 PM

SW

“ *Mr. Jack and Family, We are saddened to hear of your lost. We send our Deepest Sympathy to you. May God be your Comfort at this time.*

susan webb - February 04, 2012 at 03:03 PM