



## Susan Jo Cope

February 19, 1944 - June 13, 2009

Susan Jo Knickelbine Cope, 65, known to family and friends as “Granny Sue” or “Mama Sue”, passed away peacefully at home in Newnan, Georgia, June 13, 2009, after a brief illness. Susan was born February 19, 1944, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to CDR(ret.) Harry and Mrs. Dorothy Knickelbine. Susan’s love of people led her to a fulfilling career in nursing. She began her career in Pensacola, Florida, at Baptist Hospital in intensive care. She later became a pioneer in home health care where she helped start Pensacola’s first home health agency, Northwest Florida Home Health. After moving to Houston in 1988, she became a traveling nurse and later joined the staff of Herman Hospital as a cardiac nurse. Several years later she returned to her love of home health with Girling. After moving to Newnan in 2001, she worked for a short time at the old Newnan Hospital and later as a hospice nurse with Countryside. Eventually she returned to home health and worked for Central Home Health until her illness. Over her 40 years in nursing, Susan continually earned the love and respect of her patients and their families through her care and devotion. Susan enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, and her grandchildren.

Susan is survived by two daughters, Sarah R. Cope of Madison, WI, LtCol USMCR and Special Agent, US State Department Diplomatic Security Service, and Katie Collins and her husband, Gordy; five grandsons: Don, Brad, Joe, Mac and Sam Collins, all of Newnan, GA; brother Mike Knickelbine

and his wife, Vicky; and one niece, Jessica Knickelbine all of Pensacola, FL. Lifelong friends Sandra McNeilly, Beverly Single and Donna Arnett. More recent friends include Mary Mellon and Candace Wise and most importantly her many dear patients. She is preceded in death by her parents Harry and Dorothy (Radford) Knickelbine and her granddaughter Catherine Marie Collins.

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

A memorial service will be held Friday June 19, 2009 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newnan, GA. Rev. Matt Greathouse will officiate. A celebration of her life will be held following the service at her daughter's house in Newnan, GA. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Vista Care Hospice 1585 Highway 34E Newnan, GA 30265 or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church 576 Roscoe Rd. Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

## Cemetery Details

### St. Paul's Methodist Church Cemetery

Whitesburg, GA

## Previous Events

### Service

JUN 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
576 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sarah, Laura and I were deeply saddened to learn of your mother's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We are grateful to have met her briefly in January before our departure. Love Rick and Laura

Rick and Laura Hays - June 20, 2009 at 02:10 AM

PW

“ Sarah and Kattie. Im sorry for our loss. susan will be missed by everyone , i have very few true friends and susan was one of the best friends i have ever had. love Paul and Emily

Paul and Emily whitfield - June 18, 2009 at 12:55 PM

CB

“ To Susan's family, I worked with Susan at the old Newnan Hospital, and loved every minute of it. She was a wonderful person, and when she left the hospital I missed her. I was in the emergency room the other night when she came in. Just to see the smile on her face when she saw me warmed my heart so much. Who knew then she would only be here a short while. Your Mom took such good care of her patients, that I know she is being rewarded with a job well done as she goes through Heaven's gates... God Bless you Susan Cope !!!! Till we meet again Carolyn McCarley Brooks :(

Carolyn Brooks - June 18, 2009 at 12:39 AM

TW

“ I am sorry to hear of Susans death. She was a wonderful and caring person. She was one of the warmest people I have ever known. I know she will be missed. Tree Walcott

Theresa Walcott - June 17, 2009 at 11:51 AM

CW

“ *Katie - Our thoughts are with you and your family. Linda and Chet*

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**Chet and Linda Wilson** - June 17, 2009 at 09:23 AM

JC

“ *Susan will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*  
*Jack & Libby*

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**Jack & Libby Carlson** - June 17, 2009 at 09:09 AM

BT

“ *We certainly offer our sympathies and best wishes to your family.*  
*We are very sorry for your loss.*

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**Barry Tennihan** - June 17, 2009 at 09:03 AM

MC

“ *Katie, We were very sorry to hear the news of your mom's passing.*  
*With sympathy, Sue and Keith McGrath*

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**McGrath** - June 16, 2009 at 08:16 PM