



## Susan Royce Avery Cook

December 5, 1945 - December 12, 2015

Royce Avery Cook gently left her earthly life behind on the morning of Saturday, December 12th after developing complications as the result of a stroke that occurred on Thursday evening. Susan Royce Avery was born December 5, 1945 in Newnan, Georgia to the late John Welch Avery, Sr. and Sudie Fincher Avery. She would soon come to be known to family and friends as "Sissy". Royce was an enthusiastic student in the Newnan Public Schools and was an outstanding student and athlete. She later attended West Georgia College and her degree in education would prepare her for her career in early childhood education. Royce personified the role of a loving wife and mother. She was diligent in her care for her parents in their later years. All of her nieces and nephews were beneficiaries of her compassionate nature. They were loved as if they were her own and the bond was mutual. Her kindness and giving nature attracted a great number of friends and she truly loved entertaining them. Dinner at her home would surely feature one's favorite dish and a few extra thrown in for good measure. When she was not playing bridge or golfing, she could be found enjoying her favorite country music or jumping into the action of the Georgia Bulldogs or The Atlanta Braves. She has left a legacy of love that will forever be carried in the hearts of her family and friends. Royce is survived by her husband Rick, her daughter Jenni, her brother John Welch Avery, Jr. and his wife Carolyn. Her extended family includes her sisters-in-law Sylvia Harris, Sherry McCurry and her husband Mac. She was the devoted aunt to Leslie Avery, Whitney Ray, Holly Garland (and Tim), Melissa Hayes (and Michael), Marsha Couch, Jay Avery (and Heather), Keith Harris and all the great nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where the family will receive friends on Tuesday evening December 15th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM and on Wednesday between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. She will be lovingly remembered in a service in the McKoon Funeral Home chapel at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Reverend Hugh Kirby of New Hope Baptist Church of Fayetteville. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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## Service

DEC 16. 11:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Royce Avery Cook*



**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - December 13, 2015 at 02:41 PM

PA

*Lovely! A treasure just like Royce.*

*Love  
Paula*

**paula** - December 14, 2015 at 01:21 PM

CL

*Beautiful from day one. A very special lady.*

**claudette** - December 14, 2015 at 01:58 PM

KW

*Positive person and fun to be with. Kathy Weaver*

**kathy weaver** - December 14, 2015 at 03:21 PM

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BN

*Such a sweet & loving person who was a true friend to so many. We will miss your laughter & graciousness. Prayers for all of your family.*

**Brenda Neese** - December 14, 2015 at 07:08 PM

MB

*Such a sweet lady. Always had that beautiful smile. Our deepest condolences.  
Mary Ann and Tom Beckham*

**Mary Ann Beckham** - December 14, 2015 at 07:26 PM

MB

*Our prayers and sympathy goes out to the family. Schan and Merv Brown*

**Merv Brown** - December 15, 2015 at 10:58 AM

MC

*Deepest sympathy to Rick and family.*

**Maeve Cromwell** - December 16, 2015 at 12:31 PM

MH

*The former neighbors on Marilyn Drive West in Fayetteville send condolences to Rick and Jenni. So sorry to hear of Royce's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Margueritte Hubbard** - December 17, 2015 at 02:08 PM

TW

*So very sorry to hear about Royce, she was a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Terry and Jeff Wallace** - December 19, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.*



December 17, 2015 at 09:39 PM

CG

“ *Charles " Max" Garrison purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.*



**Charles " Max" Garrison** - December 15, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JW

“ *Jo Ann and John Walter purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.*



**Jo Ann and John Walter** - December 15, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CO

“ *She was such a precious lady. I will always remember her sweet smile and warm hug. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*



Courtney - December 15, 2015 at 08:37 AM

GT

“ *There are so many beautiful memories of Royce in our hearts....she was so thoughtful, sweet, hospitable, generous, warm and a true friend. We will never forget the fun 'after golf' parties that she and Rick had for our little golf group; the Christmas parties, birthday get togethers. She and Mary Reinen had a beautiful bridal shower for our daughter Jordan and helped in sweet ways with our son's (Casey) wedding. To name just a few of the memories... It was such an honor and privilege to know her and we will never forget her...sleep well, Royce and we will see you in God's forever kingdom. We love you!*

Gail Turner - December 15, 2015 at 08:03 AM

KW

*So sorry Ricky. Royce was a great person and friend. Best of luck to you and your Family.*

Kenneth L. Wright - December 18, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.*



December 14, 2015 at 10:06 PM

MJ

“ *Martie Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.*



Martie Johnson - December 14, 2015 at 06:20 PM

MP

“ Just wanted to send a note to Royce's family to let you know how truly sorry I am to hear of your loss. I remember what a dear lady Royce was (I was a year ahead of her in school). She was always kind and thoughtful to me and I know she will be dearly missed. Will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers!

*Marie (Hudson) Piper*

Marie Piper - December 14, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.



December 14, 2015 at 03:30 PM

KH

“ Kathy Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Susan Royce Avery Cook



Kathy Hewitt - December 14, 2015 at 02:10 PM

BD

“ Rick, such a beautiful lady. I remember her fondly and am so saddened that she has passed. I am praying for you to receive God's grace and peace as you deal with this most painful loss. May our Lord bless you and your family in your time of grief.

*Bill DeBardleben*

Bill DeBardleben - December 14, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JF

“ Jane Louise Foster lit a candle in memory of Susan Royce Avery Cook



Jane Louise Foster - December 14, 2015 at 12:54 PM

GS

“ Rick and Jenni, our hearts are full of sadness but overjoyed of Royce's homecoming.  
Neighbors like the Cooks are hard to come by! Our prayers are with you and your extended family in the days ahead.

Gail - Smyly - December 14, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BN

“ Bob and Sue Kattness & Kevin and Stacy Nelson purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.



Bob and Sue Kattness & Kevin and Stacy Nelson - December 14, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Royce Avery Cook.



December 14, 2015 at 10:11 AM

SK

“ My dear friend, Royce, will be missed by all who knew her. She was a shining star in this world and will continue in Heaven. She was very kind and giving and a dear friend. We will miss her sweet smile. We loved her very much and pray for her family to make this transition in as much comfort as possible knowing her spirit will always be there for them.

Bob and Sue Kattness

Sue Kattness - December 14, 2015 at 09:56 AM

ES

“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Eugene Smith - December 14, 2015 at 09:17 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 14, 2015 at 08:32 AM

EP

“ ROYCE AND RICK WERE THE FIRST FRIENDS WE HAD AS A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE WHEN WE MOVED IN NEXT DOOR 45 YEARS AGO. WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FOR A REFERENCE WHEN THEY APPLIED TO ADOPT, AND I TOLD THEM THERE WOULD NEVER BE BETTER PARENTS. JENNI, YOU WERE BLESSED WITH AN ANGEL FOR A MOTHER AND SHE WILL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER. RICK, MAY YOU AND JENNI FIND GOD'S COMFORT AND PEACE IN THE MEMBERIES OF HER LOVING SPIRIT. LOVE YOU BOTH, EVERETT AND SHEILA PARROTT

eVERETT AND SHEILA PARROTT - December 14, 2015 at 06:20 AM

JJ

“ We love you Royce.....

*You will always be in my heart and smile everyday to keep forever. I loved making good memories with you, eating breakfast with you- eggs, bacon, grits and bread dipped in butter, swinging on the swing with you, playing cards or with the doll houses & cars, I always just loved being with you. Love, Reagan*

*Royce you were the most kind and sweet neighbor to us we were so lucky to be just next door to you, Rick and Jenni. Because you gave us so much love and joy, lots of joy and love from all of us to you always.*

*Jody & Matt, Loran and Reagan Johansen*

jody johansen - December 13, 2015 at 07:38 PM

JC

“ You were the best mother in the whole world. Dad and I will never forget you.  
Love Jenni

Jenni Cook - December 13, 2015 at 06:34 PM

RR

*I'm so sorry, Jenni.  
Rhonda Kempson Ray*

Rhonda K. Ray - December 13, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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MC

“ *Marsha Couch lit a candle in memory of Susan Royce Avery Cook*



marsha couch - December 13, 2015 at 01:58 PM