



## Mary Eloise Walston

July 26, 1938 - March 2, 2023

Mary Eloise Walston went home to the Lord on March 2, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones. She was 84 years old. She was preceded in death by her mother Mary Avalene Jones, and father, Jimmy Coney Jones; brothers, Bobby Jones, Leroy Jones, Maurice Jones, Gary Jones; sister, Sandra Orr. She is survived by her daughter Nancy Hand, grandchildren, Alyson Lary, Ashlie Foreman, Aurelia Bordain, Jonathan Lary and Chere Bordain, and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary dedicated her life to educating and spent 46 years in the Dekalb County school system as a remedial reading specialist and helped to shape the minds of countless youth. She lived her life with a smile on her face and her warmth and kindness extended to everyone she encountered. It wasn't unusual to find Mary with her nose in a book, tending to her flower garden, praising God at Martha Brown United Methodist Church, or nursing her sweet tooth. She was an extraordinary woman who lived her life with grace and left an imprint on all of our lives. Mary Eloise was strong, empathetic, generous, loving and an irreplaceable treasure in this world; she will be deeply missed. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 13, 2023 at 11 am at Scot Wards Memorial Chapel with Doctor Rick Long officiating. Family will accept friends Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.



# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Memorial Gardens

164 Fairview Rd.  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Mary Eloise Walston*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - March 13, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - March 12, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Eloise Walston.*



March 11, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Eloise Walston.* ”



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March 10, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Jackie Walston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Eloise Walston.* ”



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**Jackie Walston** - March 10, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Mary was a kind, caring person. She was one of the first people I met when we started to Gainesville High.* ”

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**Rick Merritt** - March 09, 2023 at 02:28 PM

SW

“*Mary Eloise Walston will be remembered as a dedicated and caring reading teacher. She loved to help her students improve their reading abilities and scores. She was always thinking of ways to motivate them by making reading fun. Little House On The Prairie by Laura Ingles Wilder was among her favorites and she often read the humorous Amelia Bedelia books to the kids. Eloise and her late husband Runie Walston were married for many years. They had a wonderful life together that included travel, Pearl Harbor Survivors group, and Civitan. They enjoyed the Methodist Church and all of its activities, especially the choir. Eloise was soft spoken but her work and relationships shouted caring and love. In Remembrance, Sam and Suzette Walston*

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**Sam and Suzette Walston** - March 08, 2023 at 10:17 PM

SB

*Wonderful remembrances of Mary Eloise. She was a classmate of our GHS Class of 1956, and unfortunately I did not know her very well. Sam and Suzette, your write-up gave me a good insight of her life. I do remember th Amelia Bedelia books!!!! Sandy Burns Briggs*

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**Sandy Burns Briggs** - March 09, 2023 at 07:19 PM



*Mary Eloise Walston was a kind and caring and gentle woman. Her heart was made of gold. She was a friend to many and she was my friend. I first met Eloise when she married my husband's father, the late Runie Walston, Sr., in 1974. They were inseparable and shared many happy years together.*

*Eloise had many interests, but her true passion was her profession. She taught remedial reading for the DeKalb County, GA School System for more than forty years. She understood that reading with the ability to comprehend was the very foundation of a good education. After retiring from the public school system, she continued teaching in a private setting and even tutored students in her own home.*

*During summers, when Eloise wasn't furthering her own education, she and Runie enjoyed traveling. They would visit family and friends, but also travel to get to know our country. They were able to travel to all 50 states and the highlight was documenting their adventures with photos at each state's capitol building. They were invited and were able to travel to Hawaii on at least two separate anniversaries commemorating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This was to honor the Pearl Harbor survivors and all of the brave soldiers who fought there.*

*Most probably don't realize that Eloise was an avid baseball fan and tried to never miss a game on TV of her beloved Atlanta Braves. She knew the players by name and the positions they played, and even kept her own score card. She would always call to remind me when the Braves and the Colorado Rockies were playing each other, especially during the playoffs.*

*Eloise's faith was an important part of her life. As long as they were able, she and Runie rarely missed a Sunday worshiping at the Martha Brown United Methodist Church in east Atlanta.*

*In loving memory, Jackie Walston*

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**.Jackie** - March 12, 2023 at 11:24 PM