



## Rosemary Armstrong

May 27, 1937 - June 17, 2025

Rosemary McCollum Armstrong of Dahlonega, Georgia passed away on June 17, 2025, at Northside Hospital Gwinnett in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Rosemary was born on May 27, 1937 in Lineville, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late James and Sara Lou McCollum.

Rosemary spent most of her years growing up on a working farm. Her main farm job was feeding the cows and horses. She often spoke of trying to get out of this task due to her reluctance to be around large animals. Her family also owned and operated McCollum's Grocery, a general store and gas station located on the family's property. From the age of 13, Rosemary served as the main storekeeper, a credit to her maturity and sense of responsibility displayed at a young age. She graduated as Salutatorian from Lineville High School in 1954 and went on to earn a home economics degree from Jacksonville State College in 1958. Accustomed to being a straight A student and capable at everything she took a notion to try, she often humorously lamented the one C she earned for sewing a poorly constructed winter coat. Rosemary met Marvin when they were both students at college and they married March 8, 1958. They were married for over 50 years, until his passing.

Upon graduation, she worked as a schoolteacher, primarily teaching 4th graders, for over 30 years. She had a knack for explaining material in a way that students could understand, but you did not want to be on the receiving end of her eagle eye. She set high expectations for all of her students and

was known to be tough but fair.

Rosemary was an avid churchgoer and a member of First Baptist Church of Lithonia. She enjoyed singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School. If the doors of the church were open, she was likely there to participate. She was a prolific reader but her biggest hobby by far was cheering on her favorite teams. She was a huge Alabama fan and many fall Saturdays would find her shouting "Roll Tide" at the television. She also loved the Atlanta Braves and watched or listened to the games religiously throughout the summer. In her later years the activity she enjoyed the most was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended their games and events and was by far their biggest fan in all they did.

Rosemary is survived by her children, Breck Armstrong and Becky Maldonado, her daughter-in-law, Deborah Armstrong, her grandchildren, Katie (Kyle) Orr, Trevor (Paula) Armstrong and Lucas Maldonado, as well as two great grandchildren, Emmie and Evelyn Orr.

Visitation will be held on June 21st at 10 AM, with the funeral service to follow at 11 AM at Scot Ward Funeral Home. Burial for family will follow at Lawnwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Samaritan's Purse or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be submitted online at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawnwood Memorial Park

1111 Access Road - PO Box 207  
Covington, GA 30015

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ ROSEMARY

*We met in grade school as kids at Barfield  
Became fast friends, our hearts were thrilled  
We grew up together through thick and thin  
No greater friendship has ever been.*

*We shared adventures at Lineville High  
Gathered on cars at the Red and White  
Dances, ball games and fun at Cheaha park  
When we were together we were happy as a lark.*

*Off to college we shared our dorm  
Double dates were always full of charm  
Meeting our husbands and all becoming close  
Fun times in college were times we'd cherish most.*

*Families and teaching became our goal  
Maids of honor in our weddings was good for the soul  
We went on with our lives but our hearts still entwined  
Staying in touch often and making visiting time.*

*We traveled together and toured the west  
Our adventures together were the best  
We laughed and explored and laughed some more  
Our time together was never a bore.*

*Through the years our friendship was never dull  
You called me your "bestie" and showed such love  
Your calls are missed and your love and care  
Looking forward to Heaven to meet up with you there!*

*In memory of Hazel Perry's special friend  
by Sharon Perry Worthy*

**Sharon Worthy** - January 15 at 12:41 PM

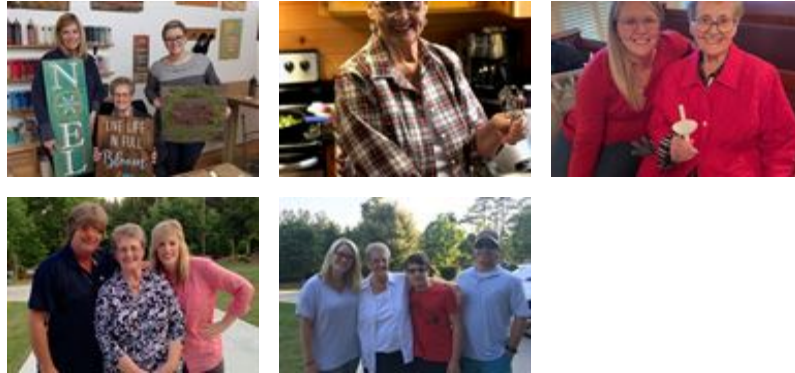
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“ *Mrs. Armstrong was my 3rd grade teacher. We had a combined classroom of 3rd/4th graders at Rock Chapel Elementary. She was a fabulous teacher and she touched so many children’s lives. We were friends on FB and I loved speaking with her. Rest in peace. You are so loved.*

**Tonia Tumbleston** - June 21, 2025 at 10:03 PM



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - June 21, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rosemary Armstrong.*



June 20, 2025 at 09:50 AM