



Kathleen Rene Newell

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The Life and Legacy of Kathleen Rene Newell

On Wednesday, November 23, 2022, Kathleen Rene Newell departed peacefully to be with the Lord at the age of 62 at her Marietta home with her family by her side holding her hand. She was a living miracle, working every day since 2008 to defeat breast cancer - a disease that never shattered her hope, dissolved her faith, nor destroyed her peace. Kathleen walked with the Lord during her journey and gave all glory to God.

Kathleen was born in Marietta, GA to Emma Grace Johnson and the late James Monroe Johnson on the beautiful early morning of Monday, May 23, 1960. When asked to self-reflect about the kind of child she was, Kathleen said, "I was a good child. I was active and tomboy-ish growing up with all of them brothers!" During her adolescence, Kathleen had dreams to build a life for herself, and worked eagerly to reach her goals and fulfill her destiny. She spoke fondly about her work helping around the house to clean, cook, and babysit her younger siblings, which earned her an allowance of "a quarter or two" as she recalled.

Keeping with her spirit of helping, she began working at Kennesaw Elementary School at the age of 16 to clean classrooms with her cousin, Cindy. Following high school graduation from North Cobb High School in 1978, Kathleen embarked on her life's next chapter, enlisting in the United States Army, where she went on to serve 12 years of active duty. Upon her honorable discharge as Sergeant Kathleen Rene Newell, she was awarded many U.S. Army service medals, badges, and ribbons as commendation for her work, professional development, conduct, and overseas service. Indicative of her strong work ethic and determination to excel, she received excellent performance evaluations and awards as she later began her work as a civilian for the U.S Federal Government in Logistics. She was loved for her kind heart, humor, and invaluable contributions to the success of every operation she worked for. Kathleen retired in 2016 with more than 32 years of service to our country.



Obituary

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While enlisted in the Army, Kathleen met her late husband and fellow newly enlisted soldier, Irving Newell Jr. from Brighton, AL. As two young adults leaving home to make something of their lives, they joined together in marriage to build a beautiful life together. They married in 1980 and spent 39 years together.

All who knew her, knew how much she promoted peace and positivity, often spending much of her time in meditation and prayer. She had a green thumb and enjoyed caring for her many house plants. When she wasn't catching the premiere of a Lifetime movie, you could find her rooting and cheering at the TV during an Alabama, Georgia, or Falcons' football game. She loved her family and animals and took every chance to uplift and help others. Kathleen led a joyful and nurturing life, and she appreciated all the good times she had, including spending time with family, traveling, and "Cha-Chinging" at the casino playing her Lucky 7's or Will of Fortune.

When reflecting on life's most important lessons, Kathleen expressed, "Learn to live more, love more, and be happy. Get out and do things. Stop a lot of the procrastination. Just try to forgive and you know it's hard to forget but love one another and forgive like God did for us, all the time."

Kathleen was the loving daughter of Emma Grace Johnson and the late James Monroe Johnson. She was the cherished widow to the late Irving Newell Jr. She was the loving mother of Latisha Thompson, Amber Delille, and son-in-law's, Clarence Thompson, and Sammy Delille. She was the adored Mimi to CJ Thompson and Christian Thompson and the sister of the late James Lowe, Steve Johnson, Timothy Johnson, John Johnson, and Karen Johnson. Kathleen was also a loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Our pets give unconditional love and enrich our lives, and Kathleen loved her pets, Tyger, Zoey, and Masey with all her heart.

Kathleen's fighting positive spirit and God is what got her through, and we pray her life, words, wisdom, and essence touch and encourage you, as she has done for us.

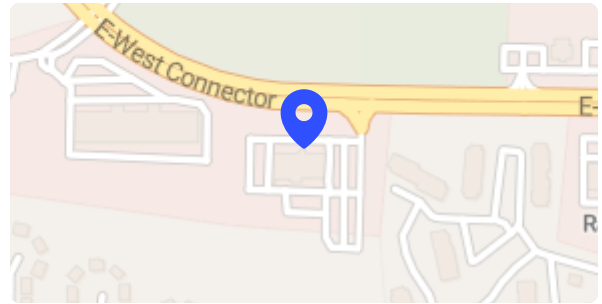
Kathleen would urge each of us to face all your battles with God by your side. As she has expressed, "Write in your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

As an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, we ask you to make a donation to the African American Breast Cancer Alliance at <https://aabcainc.org/> in Kathleen Newell's name.



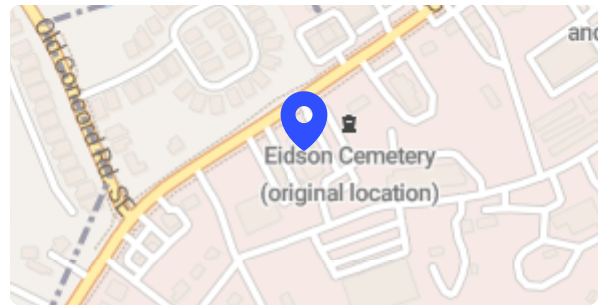
Memorial Service

- Saturday**, December 3, 2022
- 1:00 PM ET
- Davis-Struempf Chapel**
1975 East-West Conn, Austell GA 30106



Homegoing Reception

- Saturday**, December 3, 2022
- 2:00 PM ET
- The Little Cottage**
652 Concord Road SE, Smyrna GA 30082



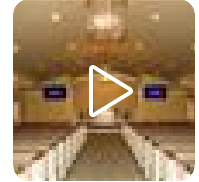


Tribute Wall

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 29 at 6:44 AM



Josh Johnson posted:

I remember my first time ever meeting aunt Kathy and Uncle Ervin when me and my dad took alot of buses to get to Virginia it was very cold up there something I had to get used to I was very young. Aunt Kathy pushed me harder and harder everyday about school and sports she treated me like I was her son and I loved her like a mom she will always be miss she's in a great place now. Aunt Kathy will forever be in my present .

December 3 at 8:08 AM



Erika Ohara posted:

May God's love make your grief bearable and happy memories carry you through this time of sadness. We wish your family strength and peace. Sincerely, Antonio & Erika O'Hara

December 1 at 7:25 PM



Schuyler Mobley posted:

Mrs. Kathleen was a beautiful soul who befriended my mom, Priscilla Mobley, and I many years ago. Through this connection, along with her late husband, I was able to meet their wonderful daughter Amber (who was born a day before me). I loved visiting their home, feeling so welcomed and loved! It was very fun, and I'll always keep those memories with me. Mrs. Kathleen fought a great fight and truly will be missed.

November 28 at 10:34 AM



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Danielle Council posted:

Mrs. Newell was like a 2nd mom to me during my High School years. There was never a dull moment. Card games, laughs and southern cooking made for good memories I will cherish always. She would make sure anyone who came to visit felt at home. She gave a lot of herself, loved endlessly and remained a strong influence mirroring God's grace. She will be missed tremendously, but I know Tisha and Amber, along with the rest of her family will continue to live by all that Mrs. Newell held close to her heart. This family will need our support in the days and months to come but with God's Angels surrounding them I know they will make it through. My deepest condolences again, and May God be with you the most in those moments when you feel nobody understands. Love you!

November 28 at 7:16 AM



Donnella Wilson Johnson November 30 at 5:20 AM

I'm going miss u Kathy she was a very sweet person i ty for all u had did for me and my son Josh which he loves her I'm sending my prayers and love to the family



Marie Olga Delille November 28 at 11:09 AM

I have met Kathy and known her for a short period of time. However, it seemed I have known her for decades. I remember from the first time we have met she held my hands and stated: " we are going to be a family because our children are going to get married." I felt there was a natural connection between me and her. Her love for God, her kindness, her sweetness her whole personality, and her endurance in suffering made her to my eyes a great woman. I called her often: my heroine, my role model." Yes, no matter how deep her pain was she would say: "I trust God." Kathy was a faithful person. She didn't measure her pain to the goodness of God. She believed in the promises of Jesus that one day all the deaths will be resurrected for the everlasting life. Kathy will be missed. Her memories with always dear to my heart. My deepest sympathy and condolences to all the closest family members.Love always ☐☐



Katherine Brewster/ Cookie November 28 at 10:03 AM

I love Kathy like a sister we met when my girls were younger she was like and aunt to them.she said she was Kathy no.1 and I was Kathy no.2 my name was Katherine but they usually called me by my nickname cookie. We had a lot of good times together I am going to miss her



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Newell family.



November 27 at 11:38 PM



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Lillie Phillips posted:

Test

November 27 at 4:43 PM



William Thompson December 3 at 6:57 AM

Reflecting on Kathleen's life, because she existed, we can be better. I leave you with an excerpt from a Maya Angelou poem. "...And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. They existed. We can be. Be and be better. For they existed. (Angelou, 2019) "Angelou, Maya. "When Great Trees Fall" by Maya Angelou." Poetry Daily, 24 June 2019, <https://poems.com/poem/when-great-trees-fall/>.



Morris Lagrand November 28 at 11:55 AM

Kathy and Irving was wonderful people that I had the privilege to serve with and see their beautiful daughters grow into lovely wives and mothers. I first met them in Baumholder Germany around 1993 and kept in contact with them ever since. I am sad at this time but cherish the privilege of meeting them! Kathy's smile was contagious and she lit up the room. RIP my friend



Lourdes Philipe lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

November 27 at 4:05 PM





Media

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November 29 at 6:44 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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