



Donna Rucker Dobson

June 1, 1945 - June 28, 2025

Donna Elaine Rucker Dobson passed peacefully at home on Saturday, June 28, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. She was 80 years old.

Longtime resident of Roswell, born in Crabapple she was a dedicated member of Roswell First Baptist Church and more recently Grace Community Church. She is preceded in death by her parents Horace and Deryle Rucker and her grandson Garrett Reed Dobson. Donna is survived by her loving and caring husband Johnny Dobson of 59 years. Sister Joan Anderson (Larry), brothers Kenney Rucker (Debbie) and Lamar Rucker (Eddie), brothers-in-law Rex Grizzle (Olivia), Richard Dobson (Darlene), sisters-in-law, Debbie Conrad (Bill), Jan Pope (Darryl) and Beneta Harold (Nathan). Sons, Michael Dobson (Heidi), Bryan Dobson (Linda), daughter-in-law Cherie South Dobson, who remained a steadfast part of her life. Grandchildren, Sara Dobson, Sean Dobson, Chloe Dobson and Owen Dobson.

Donna retired from the City of Roswell Fire Department after 29 years of dedicated service. She started her career as the secretary for the city Fire Marshall and went on to become the first female Fire Education Specialist in Fulton County. Donna was the first female EMT for the Department and retired as the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief in 2010. During her time with the fire department, she not only worked her Monday – Friday job, but she would also respond after hours to bring refreshments and food to the firefighters when needed. Donna was everyone's work mom and friend and her door was always open. Homemade banana pudding, lemon icebox pies and her famous pound cake were her specialties and often requested for department functions.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 5-8 pm and Thursday from 10-11 am

Donna's service will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 11 am.

Interment will be directly following the service at Green Lawn Cemetery, 10993 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell and all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity in memory of Donna Dobson

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA 30076

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Celebration Of Life

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Donna Rucker Dobson



Northside Chapel - June 29, 2025 at 11:51 AM

LD

It was a beautiful service. Thank you to Northside Chapel for everything they did to ensure the most beautiful send-off for Donna.

Linda Dobson - July 07, 2025 at 11:45 PM

KL

“ Kay Love lit a candle in memory of Donna Rucker Dobson



Kay Love - July 02, 2025 at 08:05 PM

GC

“ George Church lit a candle in memory of Donna Rucker Dobson



George Church - July 01, 2025 at 05:57 PM

GC

“ George C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.

George C. - July 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ Judy Dangar Walker and fellow classmates purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



Judy Dangar Walker and fellow classmates - July 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM

ML

“ I will always remember Ms. Donna by her big heart, her delicious banana pudding, and her green thumb. I will forever cherish the irises that she gave me and will think of her each spring when they bloom. Ms. Donna , you have fought a good fight on this earth, now rest in peace with your loved ones and Jesus. Much love and prayers, for your dear sweet family.
Love, Melissa Lougas



Melissa Lougas - July 01, 2025 at 09:00 AM

HT

“ Howard & Lisa DobsonCarol & Lewis Tullis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



Howard & Lisa DobsonCarol & Lewis Tullis - July 01, 2025 at 08:54 AM

WF

“ With love, Andy & Marilyn Foster purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



With love, Andy & Marilyn Foster - June 30, 2025 at 08:53 PM

WF

“ With love, Andy & Marilyn Foster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.

With love, Andy & Marilyn Foster - June 30, 2025 at 08:53 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Brenda Cope & JoAnn Blevins purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



Bill & Brenda Cope & JoAnn Blevins - June 30, 2025 at 07:14 PM

WV

“ *With much love, Michael and Lisa Vickery purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



With much love, Michael and Lisa Vickery - June 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM

WP

“ *With deepest sympathy, Donna Presley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



With deepest sympathy, Donna Presley - June 30, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



June 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.*

June 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



June 30, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.

June 30, 2025 at 09:49 AM

MO

“ *Mary Overstreet* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



Mary Overstreet - June 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MO

“ *Mary Overstreet* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.

Mary Overstreet - June 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



June 29, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JW

“ *Johnny and Lori Whelchel* purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



Johnny and Lori Whelchel - June 29, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JW

“ Johnny and Lori Whelchel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.

Johnny and Lori Whelchel - June 29, 2025 at 08:49 PM

HD

“ There are women – although; unfortunately, sometimes far and few between that we can be proud of and honored to know and love. A woman we can call a friend and the lucky ones got to call her mom, wife, sister and grammie. Donna was; no, is special and will always be in our hearts. Donna told it like it was, whether you wanted to hear it or not – she knew best, because she knew your heart and what was right for it. Her life lessons, her recipes, and her advice will live on in our memory and our hearts forever. Thank you, Donna, for all you did, taught, preached and loved in all of us. Your life lessons we will treasure forever. Until we meet again...

Heidi Dobson - June 29, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ Sending prayers for Johnny family and friends
Donna will always be a dear friend to our family 💜 till we meet again sweet lady
RIP 🕊

Patti Vaughan - June 29, 2025 at 04:15 PM

TW

“ The Greshams, Johansens and Wolfes purchased the Pink Pot pourri Bouquet for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



The Greshams, Johansens and Wolfes - June 29, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.



June 29, 2025 at 02:13 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Northcutt Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Donna Rucker Dobson*



Barbara Northcutt Ledbetter - June 29, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



June 29, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.*

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LG

“ *May the memories of her life be for a blessing.*

Leonard Goodelman - June 28, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



June 28, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Rucker Dobson.*

June 28, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MC

“ *Michael and Heidi Carroll purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



Michael and Heidi Carroll - June 28, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Rucker Dobson.*



June 28, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CP

“ *Donna was very special to me. We double dated and had lots of fun together. The night Ronald ask me to marry him I spent the night with her and we talked all night. She and Johnny have a very special place in mine and Ron's heart. I know she is in the arms of GOD* ❤️

Connie Pence - June 28, 2025 at 05:02 PM