



Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson

March 29, 1934 - March 23, 2024

Elissa Coalson of Alpharetta, Georgia went peacefully to be with Jesus on Saturday, March 23, 2024, surrounded by her loving and devoted family. Just shy of her 90th birthday, which would have been on March 29, Elissa joins her beloved husband, Emmett, of 65 years, who passed in 2019 and her parents, Joe and Cleo Coleman. She is survived by daughters Melissa Jensen (Bill) and Emily Richards (Ricky), and grandchildren Kyle Richards (Deanne), Sam Richards (Candace), Jenci Ray (Tyler), Joey Jensen (Mary Beth), Nikki Oliver, Matt Jensen (Benz), Andy Jensen (Sunisa), Jacquie Zematis and 11 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Joan Coleman, and nieces and nephews.

Elissa is also survived by Debra (Debbie) Robinson, her loving and faithful caregiver. Debbie stayed with Elissa full-time during the last several years so she could remain in the comforts of her own home – and the family is ever-grateful for the loving care Debbie provided. Debbie says of Elissa, “She was one of the most gracious people I’ve ever met. Both she and Emmet were always so appreciative. It was a pleasure to provide care and companionship to them.”

Born in Roswell, Georgia in 1934, Elissa’s early years were happy but challenged, when at age 8 she was diagnosed with a serious form of osteomyelitis and subsequently hospitalized. Once recovered, she went on to finish schooling, graduating from Milton High School in 1952 as the class Salutatorian. Following graduation, she worked as a legal secretary in the real estate industry. On April 24, 1954, Elissa married her life-long love Emmett

Coalson. She and Emmet lived in Roswell until 1967, when they moved to Crabapple, where they became active members in the Crabapple Baptist Church. In fact, after taking a break from the legal world, Elissa went to work as the secretary at Crabapple Baptist Church, when her daughters were in high school and then returned to the legal field.

Throughout her life, Elissa was a devoted wife and mother, and remained steadfast in her priorities of faith and family. She was always one who enjoyed cooking and entertaining, especially for her beloved family. During family gatherings, she loved to play card games, which she also played on the computer. A die-hard Atlanta Braves fan, Elissa enjoyed watching games and rooting for the hometown team. In retirement, she and Emmett enjoyed splitting their time between Crabapple and their homes in the beautiful mountains of Hiawasee, Georgia, and being active members in an antique car club. In her later years, Elissa took pleasure in watching game shows on television, as well as viewing her favorite show Gunsmoke.

Visitation will be on Tuesday 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and also on Wednesday from 11:00 am till time of the service at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Ronald McDonald House.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA 30076

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GA

“ So sorry for your loss Melissa, your mom was a very kind lady, you and your family are in my prayers
Love to you,
Gail Cheraso (Brown)

gail - April 01, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ My condolences for the passing of Elissa she was a precious friend and I love this family very much. I graduated with her brother Ronnie. The family was very dear to the people in Roswell. God Bless your family.
-Betty Nation

Ora Nation - March 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM

LR

“ My favorite memories of growing up in Crabapple and attending Crabapple Baptist Church were getting to know the parents of friends from our youth group. Both Emmett and Elisa were such fun to be around. I enjoyed talking and spending time with them both in my teenage years and into adulthood. I cherish & miss those days gone by. Love and prayers to you both Melissa and Emily.

Lori Riggs - March 27, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JZ

“ Jacqueline Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Jacqueline Z. - March 26, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RM

“ *Ricky Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson*



Ricky Morris - March 26, 2024 at 04:48 PM

BB

“ *Elissa worked at Crabapple and I made terrible mistake. I cleaned her coffee pot, which I never did again. Told me you mess up taste when you clean it! Bill Brannen / Barbara*

Bill Brannen - March 26, 2024 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Williams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.*

The Williams Family - March 26, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.*



March 26, 2024 at 08:26 AM

AT

“ Aunt Joan, Johnna and Tony, and Todd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Aunt Joan, Johnna and Tony, and Todd - March 26, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AT

“ Aunt Joan, Johnna and Tony, and Todd purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



Aunt Joan, Johnna and Tony, and Todd - March 26, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



March 26, 2024 at 06:32 AM

AG

“ Elissa was a great friend. We always enjoyed our time spent together in our Model A Fords or gathering with our Sunday Night Supper group over the years. Love Elissa and Emmett and know they are together again in the presence of Jesus.



Anna and David Garmon - March 25, 2024 at 11:08 PM

MG

“ Mike and Debbie Grizzle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Mike and Debbie Grizzle - March 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



March 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM

TF

“ The Williams family. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



The Williams family. - March 25, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JA

“ Joey, Mary Beth and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Joey, Mary Beth and Amy - March 25, 2024 at 07:24 PM

JA

“ Joey, Mary Beth and Amy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



Joey, Mary Beth and Amy - March 25, 2024 at 07:24 PM

LR

“ Love Robbi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



Love Robbi - March 25, 2024 at 05:28 PM

BM

“ Beth Barrett Moss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Beth Barrett Moss - March 25, 2024 at 04:26 PM

BM

“ Beth Barrett Moss purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



Beth Barrett Moss - March 25, 2024 at 04:26 PM

GF

“ Gary, Peggy, David, Alice, and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.

Gary, Peggy, David, Alice, and families - March 25, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



March 25, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elissa Ann Coalson.



March 25, 2024 at 09:29 AM