



## Margaret Backus Sothen

November 13, 1933 - August 23, 2018

In the story of Margaret Backus Sothen's life, you won't find a heroic woman but a hero to her family nonetheless. What you will find is a fiercely strong woman who loved her family and her friends with a passion that was unending. Born in Gauley Bridge, West Virginia to Landon Backus and Miriam Burnette Backus, she grew up during a difficult, depression era which allowed her to gain the nickname "Goody" because of her good nature yet gain a spine of steel which helped her during her 60 year marriage to W.G. Sothen and in raising their 3 children. Again, Margaret was definitely a hero to her children, Scott, Pam, and Kim as well as her grandchildren, Kelsey, McKay, Maret and McCrae. Because of her strong example, she and Gerald raised all of their children to be fiercely strong, loyal, and independent people too. Margaret died peacefully in her sleep on August 23, 2018 after a long battle with multiple illnesses. But true to her fierce spirit, she fought each and every illness with strength, dignity and grace until the end. When friends and loved ones were asked what they remember most about Margaret during her last days, they replied, "her smile and her request for a big glass of water with ice." She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her dearly. Margaret was preceded in death by both her parents, Landon Backus and Miriam Burnette Backus. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Gerald; her 3 children Scott; Pam (Mark) and Kim (Bobby) as well as her nephew Rick (Kim) who was like an adopted son; her 4 grandchildren Kelsey, McKay, Maret and McCrae; her sister Edith (Farrell); her brothers-in-law Jim (Lois), Rick (Nancy),

and Bill (Meg); her sisters-in-law Linda (Clarence), and Charlotte (Jerry); as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews too many to name - all loved equally as well by Margaret during her lifetime. Visitation will be Saturday evening August 25, 2018 between 5:30-7:30 pm. Tim Stewart Funeral Home 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, Ga 30046. A celebration of her life will be held at Tim Stewart Funeral Home on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 1:30 pm. The family greatly appreciates all prayers and condolences at this time. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens

87 Scenic Highway  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 25.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046  
(770) 962-3100

## Celebration of Life

**AUG 26.** 1:30 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Backus Sothen*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - August 25, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Margaret Backus Sothen*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of Margaret Backus Sothen*

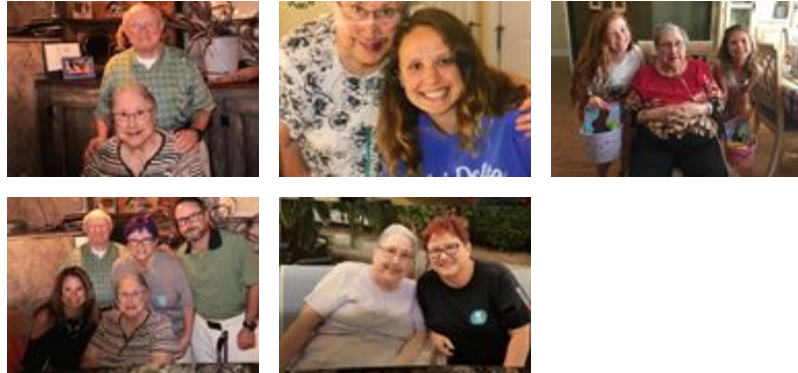


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**pam** - August 25, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - August 25, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *The Byrnside Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.*



**The Byrnside Family** - August 25, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.*



August 25, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.



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August 25, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ *Steve and Trish Hushmire purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet* for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.



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**Steve and Trish Hushmire** - August 24, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.



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August 24, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.



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August 24, 2018 at 03:37 PM

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“ *The Melnicks purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Margaret Backus Sothen.*



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**The Melnicks** - August 24, 2018 at 03:06 PM

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“ *Kim and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mama's passing. I remember her fixing Kim and I peanut butter and syrup for an afternoon snack. It was so good! Will be praying for you all, especially your sweet daddy.*

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**Beth Jaugstetter Sims** - August 24, 2018 at 02:26 PM