



## Rebecca New

August 10, 1982 - August 11, 2013

Rock Hill...Rebecca Lynn New, 31, of Hunters Trail, died Sunday, August 11, 2013 .

Miss New was born in Iowa City, Iowa, a daughter of Rick and Peggy New. She graduated with a BA in Art Studio from Coastal Carolina University and graduated with a MAT from Winthrop University in Rock Hill. Miss New was an Art Teacher at Gold Hill Elementary School in Fort Mill, SC.

Surviving are her parents, Rick and Peggy New of Conway; fiance, Chad Whisonant of Rock Hill and his son, Jackson Purdum-Whisonant; two sisters, Sarah Wiseman and Rachel Avant; two brothers, Matt Wiseman and Josh Avant; nieces and nephews, Alexis, Bailey and Carson Wiseman, Jadon and Koby Avant; and grandparents, Esther New of GA and Marvin and Marilyn Mayers of FL.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her brother, Jamie New and grandfather, Delmer New.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday at Christ United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Dunn officiating. Graveside services will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery at 3:30 PM.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent in memory of Rebecca New to Fort Mill Foundation for Schools, PO Box 476, Fort Mill, SC 29716.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Service

**AUG 15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church  
2901 Fantasy Way  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579  
(843) 236-6201

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Hard to think that it has been four years since we lost Rebecca. It was actually fun getting ready to start school with her. She worked so hard to make things beautiful and enticing for the students. Miss her dry wit every day.*

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**Joy Price** - August 16, 2017 at 03:08 PM

PK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest*



*sympathy.<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-1.png>*

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**Peter Karpa** - December 04, 2016 at 04:52 PM

HO

“ *Holly lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



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**Holly** - August 26, 2013 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God’s word the bible. In particular the scripture found at Revelation 21:4 which says, “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

J. Bell - August 20, 2013 at 07:45 PM

VA

“ Dear Peggy, I went to Wheaton North High School with you. I work at Wheaton College now, and Susan Talley Brinkman e mailed me about your tragic loss. I can't even imagine the unspeakable pain and sorrow you must be feeling. May the comfort and peace that only we who KNOW the Lord be with you and your family. I will be praying for you. Love in Christ, Vonny Evensen Albert

Vonny Albert - August 15, 2013 at 10:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca New.



August 15, 2013 at 09:20 AM

JW

“ My prayers are with all of you during this time. I just wanted to say that my daughter (Serenity Whitt) attends GHES, and Ms. New was her favorite teacher. Serenity is 9, and loves art. While everyone else is playing sports, Serenity is the one loving art and music so she especially enjoyed being in Art Club with Ms. New afterschool last year. She was so proud of some of the things she created with her and has artwork proudly displayed in her bedroom. I also never knew that Ms. New and I were so close in age, and that we were from the same area until this week. (I graduated high school in NMB in 2002) We even have a few mutual friends. It is such a small world. Everyone here in Tega Cay, and from the beach area has nothing but wonderful things to say about this remarkable woman. We are all praying for family and friends during this difficult time. Ms. New touched so many lives, and will never be forgotten.



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**Jenn Whitt** - August 15, 2013 at 08:26 AM

PW

“ I only knew Rebecca through you her family but through this connection I felt your love for her and grew to love her too. This beautiful young woman will be missed here on earth but God has gained an angel. Praying for you, her family, her fiance and hoping we can be of some comfort to you. Love you, Pat Worley



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**Pat Worley** - August 14, 2013 at 08:55 PM

DL

“ *Devon Lilly lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



Devon Lilly - August 14, 2013 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ *I remember going to Rebeccas grandparents house in florida when we were 16. She went to pick up her 1st car it was so big lol we laughed the whole way home at that huge white oldsmobile..but Rebecca made it look good! We had some fun times as teenagers. I will never forget her. She is truely an angel, her work here on earth was done. RIP Rebecca lynn New*

Janah Clyde - August 14, 2013 at 07:02 PM

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Janah Clyde - August 14, 2013 at 07:02 PM

 Shane  
Burton

“ *rebecca was the sweetest girl i knew as a teen. she was a great friend. she will be missed deeply.*

Shane Burton - August 14, 2013 at 06:43 PM

AS

“ Rebecca was my intern at GHES and then took my place as the art teacher when I retired. She was the reason I could retire - I had finally found someone with whom I could leave "my kids" and my job. I will always be so very proud of her. I am so sorry that I will not be able to come and share a hug and a tear with the family, but you are all in my prayers - I love Rebecca as if she were my own, and will miss her so very much. She was a beautiful ray of sunshine in my life, and made such a difference in the lives of the students she touched. I will continue to pray for healing for all the family. I am blessed to have a copy of the book that Rebecca wrote after her brother's death. Take comfort in knowing that she is now blooming on the other side. Much love, Alexa Spratt

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**Alexa spratt** - August 14, 2013 at 06:38 PM

PN

She admired and love you so much ... and she loved those kids! Teaching was her passion and she learned a lot from you. There was never a question as to where she wanted to teach!

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**Peggy New** - August 15, 2013 at 03:30 AM

DW

“ Peggy, Rick and family, David and I are so sorry for your loss. You and yours are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**David and Pennie Wilhelm** - August 14, 2013 at 05:31 PM

KU

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Rebecca's family and friends during this time of sorrow. She is painting the heavens as we speak. RIP Rebecca

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**Kristi Thompson- Updegraff** - August 14, 2013 at 04:27 PM

WB

“ *Peggy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of great loss.*

*Woody & Jean Bower*

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**Woody Bower** - August 14, 2013 at 12:24 PM

WT

“ *With sympathy & love, the GHES Related Arts Team purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rebecca New.*



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**With sympathy & love, the GHES Related Arts Team** - August 14, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ *48 files added to the album Rebecca Lynn New*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - August 14, 2013 at 09:00 AM

VS

*So very sorry for such a terrible accident. Chad, I am sorry I cant be there ,but I cant drive yet. Know that you, Her family, and yours are in our thoughts and prayers. Sue and Vanda*

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**Vanda simmons** - August 14, 2013 at 12:19 PM

TB

*My daughter, Camryn, is a 5th grader at Gold Hill. We are so sorry for your loss. Camryn won an auction to paint a giant portrait with Ms. New. She had such a wonderful time painting the butterfly painting with 2 other students. The children really enjoyed her as was evident to the waiting list for her art club! She touched so many children.... the Brown Family, Tega Cay*

**The Browns** - August 21, 2013 at 04:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rebecca New.*



August 14, 2013 at 08:33 AM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hardee lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



**Jennifer Hardee** - August 14, 2013 at 07:48 AM

HF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Know that GOD will sustain and strengthen you through this darken valley.*



**Harriet and Farrell** - August 13, 2013 at 08:09 PM

CH

“ *Christiane lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



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**Christiane** - August 13, 2013 at 06:23 PM

TH

“ *We love you and your family and know we are continuing to pray for His continued strength to carry you through today and all the days to come.*

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**Teresa Horne** - August 13, 2013 at 11:57 AM

TH

“ *Teresa Horne lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



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**Teresa Horne** - August 13, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LA

“ *Lisa Alston lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New*



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**Lisa Alston** - August 13, 2013 at 11:20 AM

CD

“ My heart goes out to everyone family and friends alike. We were all blessed to have had you in our lives and I will never forget the memories we had. Some of the best slumber parties of my youth involved you and your trampoline :). Rest in peace Rebecca and I will hang on to what I know and that one day I will see you again!

Chrissie DeLamar - August 13, 2013 at 10:39 AM

AC

“ Rebecca was a dear friend and will forever remain in my heart. We went to Winthrop together. She handled life with a certain grace which I always admired. My heart breaks for your family. She will be deeply missed.

Angie Clark Copley - August 13, 2013 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ Our hearts are deeply saddened. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Richard & Dawn Harrington

Dawn Harrington - August 13, 2013 at 09:08 AM

KE

“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Rebecca New



Kelly - August 13, 2013 at 07:16 AM



My heart goes out to Rebecca's family and friends.

Kelly Cook - August 13, 2013 at 07:23 AM

MI

“ My prayers go out to the New family. Rebecca is someone that you can never forget. She was so beautiful inside and out.

Michelle - August 12, 2013 at 11:08 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rebecca New.



August 12, 2013 at 10:05 PM

LB

“ Rebecca, I will never forget how kind and welcoming you were when I first moved to SC in the 4th grade. My family was broken, and you were my best friend through some very tough years. I remember staying at your house and thinking how your family was so beautiful, like something from a storybook. I wish I would've kept in touch with you over these past years, life has been so busy, and we live so far apart... I will never forget you, your friendship, your witty comments, your hugs and advice. I will pray for your family, may the faith they have give them strength through this.

Lisa Bisogna-Monserrate - August 12, 2013 at 09:55 PM

EM

“ I wish I could be there at the services to support your family, but please know that I'll be there in thoughts and prayers. I remember Rebecca as a thumb-sucking little girl, and it's clear that she became an inspiring, generous, and beautiful young woman. Our loss is heaven's gain. Much love, Emily Rice

Emily - August 12, 2013 at 07:10 PM



“ Mrs.New was a fantastic art teacher, she taught me and many others how to be creative and send a message through your artistic abilities.All though she was my art teacher for a year, before going to sixth grade, I enjoyed getting to know her. I looked forward to seeing her smiling face everyday. I wish I would have been able to see her again, Its said to think I had not seen her in four years , But with that the memories of her will dwell in my heart. Thank you Mrs.New for putting a different perspective on life and on art. My prayers go out to the family of an amazing beautiful person. We will miss you truly. Love, A student from long ago

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**Ellante Dixon** - August 12, 2013 at 06:20 PM



“ Rebecca was an amazing friend and although we'd grown older and apart she remains one of my true best friends. I am truly heartbroken and I look forward to the day that I can hug my friend again. We love and miss you! Love, Chris Barr Haltiwanger

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**Christine Barr Haltiwanger** - August 12, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ My heart continues to break for everyone who knew Rebecca. She was one of the most lively, compassionate and remarkable person that I have ever had the honor of meeting. I know there are no words that comfort at a time like this, but please know that I am here for anything that anybody needs. Sending much love and continuous prayers.... ~Kimberly

*"He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 25:8*

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**Kimberly Weed** - August 12, 2013 at 04:55 PM

NR

“ Dear New Family:

*The Rice family, Nelljean, Jesse and Emily (Carney) send love and prayers your way. We have wonderful memories of being with all of you and remember Rebecca as a big smile and flying hair. Much Love,*

*Nelljean*

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**Nelljean Rice** - August 12, 2013 at 04:13 PM

 Jason Strader

“ *My heart is broken for all the friends and family affected by this tragedy. Becca was a wonderful, beautiful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all..*

*Jason*

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**Jason Strader** - August 12, 2013 at 03:47 PM

ML

“ *May God Bless you all. We have been praying for you. Rebecca was an angel among us.*

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**Mike Ladd** - August 12, 2013 at 03:25 PM

LA

“ *Prayers for the New family for peace and comfort at this time.*  
*Laurie Suprano*

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**Laurie** - August 12, 2013 at 03:24 PM

DR

“ I know that a platitude holds no meaning and words are no comfort, but we try anyway.. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.

*"I shall rise from the dead.... I shall see the Son of God, the Sun of Glory, and shine myself as that sun shines. I shall be united to the Ancient of Days, to God Himself, who had no morning, never began. ... No man ever saw God and lived. And yet, I shall not live till I see God; and when I have seen him, I shall never die!" ~ John Donne*

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**Doyle Roach** - August 12, 2013 at 03:07 PM

AD

“ Many happy memories from my younger years with the entire New family. You are all in my prayers! Adam Davis

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**Adam Davis** - August 12, 2013 at 02:52 PM

TA

“ Justin and I are praying for each of you continuously. Although we don't always understand God's ways or reasons, we can only trust that He is greater still. I pray that you will find comfort in Him during the difficult days ahead.

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**Tasha** - August 12, 2013 at 02:50 PM

ES

*Prayers for the New family, community and all of those who know and love them!*

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**Eileen Soisson** - August 12, 2013 at 03:04 PM

BR

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Brenda Reid*

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**Brenda Reid** - August 12, 2013 at 08:50 PM