



## Athleen McElwee

November 19, 1953 - January 30, 2024

Athleen McElwee, 70, of Charlotte, died January 30, 2024, unexpectedly at her home.

Athleen was born in Winston Salem on November 19, 1953, the daughter of John Russell and Nettie Harrelson McElwee. She grew up in Charlotte, graduating from Myers Park High School. After graduation, she attended CPCC and then Queens College. Blessed with a talent for numbers, she went into banking and worked as an acquisition and Fed transfer specialist at First Union, Wachovia and then Wells Fargo before she left banking to follow her dream of working as a jeweler. She went to work in a jewelry store where as a salesperson, she also took to designing and creating her own works of art. She was very talented and knowledgeable about gems, rocks and designs, and her family and friends own many pieces of her jewel artwork.

When not working, Athleen enjoyed doing a little of everything. Outside, she could be found gardening and travelling. When indoors, she loved reading, cooking and history. Most of all, she loved the time spent with her family and friends (and her cats). Her quirky sense of humor and her compassion for caring for her mother when her mother became ill will always be remembered.

Athleen is survived by her brother, John Russell McElwee III (wife Anne) of Matthews, and her sister Mary Catherine McElwee Andrews (husband Grady)

of Pelham, AL. While never married, she was proud to be the “cool aunt” to Caroline Douglas Tzoris (husband Billy), Russell Bentley McElwee, Ross Andrews and Max Andrews (wife Kelsey), and great aunt to Madison and George. She is further survived by her feline companions, Samantha and Teeny, as well as numerous other relatives and friends. Athleen was preceded in death by her parents.

Athleen's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. Graveside services will be held at noon on Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Laurelwood Cemetery, 143 Laurel St, Rock Hill, SC 29730. There, Chaplain Amanda Lewis will officiate as Athleen is interred next to her parents.

# Cemetery Details

## Laurelwood Cemetery

143 Laurel Street  
Rock Hill, SC 29730

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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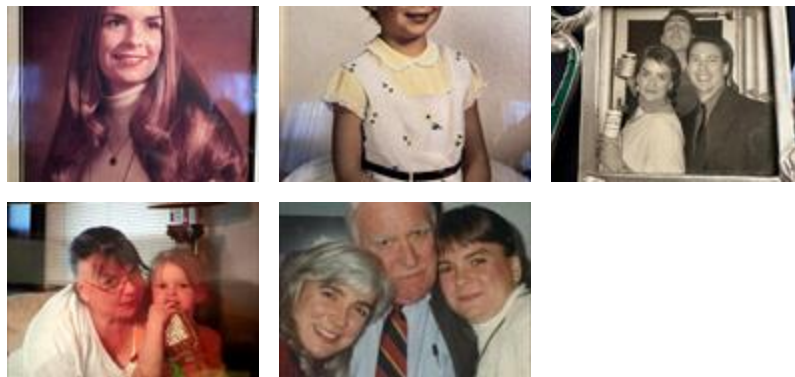


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