



Georgeann McNeill Haas

March 25, 1953 - March 23, 2026

Georgeann McNeill Haas passed away on March 23, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Whiteville, NC, to Hector and Kyard McNeill, Georgeann spent the last 50 years here in Wilmington. She was a gifted artist whose work is included in prestigious collections, including the Mint Museum of Art and the Cameron Art Museum.

Georgeann was also a dedicated educator. She spent many years teaching art in New Hanover County schools before finishing her career as the Supervisor of the Arts. In that role, she was responsible for supporting and promoting all arts in local schools, helping programs like "Best Foot Forward" grow to celebrate music, drama, and the visual arts.

She is survived by Doug Haas, her husband of nearly 50 years; two daughters, Katie Johnson and her husband Joseph, and Jessica Tesch and her husband Josh. The true lights of her life were her granddaughters, Maggie and Nora Tesch.

Georgeann created a beautiful life that was full of family, friends and her love of the arts. She felt drawn to share that passion with everyone she met. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in her honor to Lower Cape Fear Lifecare or the Cameron Museum of Art.

A visitation will be held Sunday, March 29th at 2:30 followed by a celebration of her life at 3:30 at the Cameron Museum of Art, 3201 S. 17th Street in Wilmington, NC.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs Haas created a safe place for us to explore art and be ourselves. Her art classes challenged us and invited us to grow together. My junior and senior year art classes especially are full of fond memories. We constructed our own Christmas palm tree from cardboard, decorated with mini canvases and chili pepper lights. We destroyed old electronics for parts in small world projects and shocked the principal when he stuck his head inside. We supported and encouraged each other as artists. She showed patience and love as we struggled with our own teenage trials. Room 301 is a sanctuary and a treasured place for me. Mrs Haas was a mentor and friend. I'll always love and appreciate her. Love and prayers for comfort and strength to the family.

Lori Hopkins - March 29 at 11:10 AM

JL

“ I have so many wonderful memories with my cousin Georgeann. We shared many laughs, only a few serious conversations and best of all were the funny stories we shared involving family members. She would occasionally call me with a question or wanting my opinion or just to check on everyone. Her granddaughter stories were hilarious and she loved them immensely! I have one of her paintings which I treasure greatly and attended an art show showcasing her work. I am so proud of all that she accomplished in her life and the many impacts she had in the art world plus the educators world. I will never forget many wonderful times and conversations we had but maybe the funniest was when she explained to my husband and I what calling something or someone “a hot mess” meant!!! Love her forever☐

Jan Loyd - March 26 at 12:42 PM

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“ Our loss is Heaven’s gain. Georgeann has been a very bright light to the world around her. When she arrived in Heaven her Creator greeted her with “Well done my good and faithful child.” I will dearly miss her story-telling, especially when it was about Maggie and Nora. I know she’s sharing these stories with Jesus. My love and prayers surround Doug and their beautiful family. We will see her again. With heartfelt love, Cathy Lamica

Cathy Lamica - March 26 at 10:20 AM