



## Dessie Ford Miller

April 6, 1936 - February 5, 2011

Dessie Ford Miller, III passed away Saturday morning, February 5th at the age of 74. He was born April 6th, 1936 to the late Dessie Ford and MayBelle Power Miller, Jr. Born and raised in Augusta Georgia, he graduated from Richmond Academy in 1954. He then attended Georgia Tech and graduated from The University of Georgia in 1958 with a BA degree in Business. He was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. He later went on to graduate from John Marshall School of Law in Atlanta.

While living in Atlanta, Ford was a claims adjuster for Crawford and Company prior to becoming a Real Estate Partner of Howerton Properties, Inc. Upon moving to Newnan in 1975, he became a contractor and builder of AAA Log Homes in the area. Ford was a former member of the Newnan Country Club where he loved golfing and also a member of St Paul's Episcopal Church. Ford is survived by his wife, Marie Anderson Miller; his brother Montague Miller and his wife Peggy, of Augusta GA; as well as his children Ashlyn Anne Miller Howard of Austell, GA, Amy Miller Butler and her husband Rob, and Meredith Davis Miller both of Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by his 3 grandchildren: Anthony Howard, Mary Ford Sullivan and Ves Butler.

His family would like to recognize the dedicated and loving staff of Savannah Court Assisted Living Home of Newnan, GA.

A Memorial Service is planned for Tuesday, February 8th at 2pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church located on Roscoe Road, Newnan GA. The family will receive visitors at a reception in the parish hall of St Paul's immediately

following the service.

Ford was a devoted Christian and avid dog lover, and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make any desired memorial contribution to either St. Paul's Episcopal Church or to the Newnan Coweta Animal Shelter Rescue, PO Box 72751, Newnan, GA 30271. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
576 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

TD

“ Dearest Marie, Amy & Meredith & family, May God be with you and bring you peace and beautiful memories of a true southern gentleman and a great man. He is an angel now with all of our relatives, happy in the heavens and smiling down on you. Much love to you all. Devotedly , Thomas Fortson Darby

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**THOMAS FORTSON DARBY** - February 24, 2011 at 01:30 AM

MV

“ My condolences.

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**Malvin Vaughn** - February 14, 2011 at 12:30 PM

DO

“ Marie & Children, Thinking of you during this difficult time. I truly understand the loss of someone dear. You and your children are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Debbie Olmstead** - February 10, 2011 at 07:00 AM

MN

“ Dearest Marie - I remember with such fondness our times at St. Paul's when we were all much younger! Lester & Ford always found something to work on and fix. And I know my dad welcomed him with open arms into heaven and they are probably telling all sorts of golf tales right now. All my love to you and to the girls. You are in our prayers always. Love, Mimi & Lester

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**Mimi Nowell** - February 08, 2011 at 07:54 PM

SC

“ Dear Marie, Amy, and Meredith, I am heartbroken to hear of your loss. Know that I am thinking of all of you and keeping you in my prayers. Sharlon

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**Sharlon Cobb** - February 08, 2011 at 11:32 AM

DE

“ Marie, Amy and Meredith, Kathy and I are saddened at the passing of your partner, father, and our friend. We have missed him at church for a while now, and I, in particular, miss our weekly greetings and chats about the girls. We were made to feel very special in that he embraced us, strangers, not long after we arrived in Newnan. He once told me that he "didn't like most folks...", and I never questioned his logic. I just felt priviledged. So, to my friend, Ford, rest in peace, and know that I will forever envy you for having the courage to wear shorts (with those legs) and lofers (with no socks) to church. Kathy and I will always have a special place in our hearts for you, "good looking".

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**Dwight Ellison** - February 07, 2011 at 07:54 PM

GN

“ Marie...I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers. Please let me know if there is anything you need. Much love...GA

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**Georgia Nations** - February 07, 2011 at 03:54 PM

DC

“ Marie and Family: Tommy and I are sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and know that you can count on us if you need anything! Tommy & Denene

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**Denene Carpenter** - February 07, 2011 at 11:15 AM

ES

“ Dear marie and girls,I am so sorry to hear about Ford.He was one of my favorite people.He loved his books,and knew what he wanted to read.All the girls love to see him come in the store.I am thinking of you.Take a day at the time.Love,Earlene

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**earlene scott** - February 07, 2011 at 11:14 AM

PW

“ Marie, Bev and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Paul & Beverly Watkins** - February 07, 2011 at 10:21 AM

KB

“ Marie and Family - Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you. We loved Ford dearly and will miss him. We first really got to know Ford when he was working on the kitchen remodel for Mom and Bob. It didn't take us long at all to determine that Ford was one of the good guys and someone we were proud to call a friend! He was as honest and straightforward as anyone I've ever met. You always knew where you stood with him, and that's one of the things I admired most about him. And oh how he made us laugh! I'm glad that he and Bob are together again. I'm sure that was a reunion for the record books! Heaven will never be the same!!! I know they are having a blast playing golf and talking trash and all that great stuff that they enjoyed for so long. We love you all -

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**Ken and Dixie Brooks** - February 07, 2011 at 09:52 AM

PB

“ To Ashlyn and the Miller Family: I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know Ford very well, but Ashlyn holds a special place in my heart as a dear friend from high school of my daughter, Leslie. I am so sad for her. We loved having her in our home all those years ago. I pray for God's peace and comfort for you all.

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**Pat Brown** - February 07, 2011 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ I have shared a lot of golf with Ford and just about every round he said or did something that will long be remembered. The old 10th tee crowd and the dogfight group at NCC will still be telling Ford stories for years to come. Not with standing the golf I shared with Ford...what I really admired and appreciated about Ford was his love of dogs. I am a firm believer that a man that loves a dog the way Ford did has to be a pretty good man. I guess I best mentioned there lots of good stories about Ford that relate to his log house building days....his theory of log house construction was that there was only one way to build log homes, and that was his way....made little difference that the owner might have other ideas.....thankfully, Ford was usually right. Marie, I know you will miss old Ford, but he will sure be easy to remember. Dave Clemens

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**dave clemens** - February 07, 2011 at 09:23 AM

LT

“ Dearest Marie, Our love and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. May the love of all of your family and friends sustain you and may God hold you lovingly in the palm of His hand. Much love, Linda and Daniel Triggs

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**Linda and Daniel Triggs** - February 06, 2011 at 08:58 PM

BW

“ Marie, I am so sorry to hear about Ford's passing. You and your family are in my prayers. Betti

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**Betti Adams Wise** - February 06, 2011 at 04:42 PM

JG

“ Dearest Marie, Amy and Meredith, I wonder how much "lip" the crotchety ol' bear gave St. Peter to let him in the pearly gates?? That Ford was one of a kind and I loved him dearly. He always made me laugh and I will always be proud to call him my friend. I know Mary Ford and Ves will love hearing stories about him as they grow up. You are all in my prayers for comfort and the ability to laugh at the memories you have of him and with him. All my love, Jennie

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**Jennie Gillihan** - February 06, 2011 at 03:08 PM

AK

“ Marie, From one that's been there, I know what you are going through. Trust me, it will get better with time. We both have one consolation; and that's that Ford and Bob can finally be together again, and rehash the "good 'ole days"! They might even get in a round or two of golf. I will certainly miss him as I know you will.....Love, Ann

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**Ann Kuehl** - February 06, 2011 at 11:26 AM

SR

“ Marie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He is in God's hands now, and watching over you all.

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**Shelly Read** - February 06, 2011 at 10:47 AM

PV

“ *Matie, Meredith and all--- Ford was one of my favorite people--- I will miss him as I know many will. Paden Vineyard*

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**Paden Vineyard** - February 05, 2011 at 08:06 PM