



## Emmett Rayford Stephenson

November 12, 1933 - April 11, 2011

Emmett Rayford "Ray" Stephenson, 77, of Newnan passed away April 11, 2011. He was born in Cullman, Al to the late David & Olivia (Ray) Stephenson. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his sister, Magilene Bradley, daughter, Debra Lea Stephenson and granddaughter, Courtney Stephenson.

He was a retired Major with the GA State Patrol and served one term as Coweta County Commissioner.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his children, Diane Robb & husband Rickey Robb and David Stephenson. Grandchildren; Chester Phillips, Jonathon Lewis, David Morgan Stephenson, Heather Vonk and Patricia Pitman. One great-grandchild, Madeline Vonk. He is also survived by his sister, Carol, Crankshaw.

The family respectfully requests no flowers, please make contributions in his memory to the National Emphysema Foundation, 128 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 or to Mt. Carmel UMC, 934 Summers McCoy Road, Newnan, GA. 30263.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St. from 5PM to 7PM. Condolences may be sent

to the family online 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  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Wow, that?s a rlaely clever way of thinking about it!* ”

KpieuDRLbnv - May 04, 2011 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *Dear David and Diane, So sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a true friend to many and a great friend to Sonny. They started out together with the GSP and remained friends. They had lots to talk about and good times to remember. He will be missed. Margaret Shaddix* ”

Margaret Shaddix - April 17, 2011 at 08:36 AM

TD

“ *I am truely sorry for your loss. Tiffany Dowda* ”

Tiffany Dowda - April 15, 2011 at 02:24 PM

SC

“ *Dear Diane, David, and all the family, We are thinking and praying for you from across the ocean. May God surround you with His comfort which knows no limits!* ”

Sherri and Michael Carlson - April 14, 2011 at 05:27 AM

JB

“ Dear Diane, David, Morgan, Carol and the rest of the Stephenson family, The only words we can offer for your great loss right now are: "We must be envious of Ray as he walks beside Jesus." We are thankful for having had the chance to meet and enjoy Ray's company. He truly was a warm and caring person. We will never forget him or his kindness nor his antics. You must be proud of having him in your family. May God Bless you in your time of sorrow. May Ray live on in your memories as he will in ours. With sincere blessings, Steve and Jan

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**Jan Bassett** - April 13, 2011 at 11:36 PM

BS

“ Dianne, David and families We are saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. Ray was a good friend, but he was also Bob's mentor. When we came to Newnan in 1967 to join the GSP family, we were awe struck by Ray, and he has never failed to amaze us through the years. Our hearts and prayers are with you, and we will miss Ray also.

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**Bob & Dorothy Stephens** - April 13, 2011 at 07:42 PM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Morgan, let us know if you need anything at all.

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**Anthony and Melissa Cox** - April 13, 2011 at 05:41 PM

EB

“ Dear Diane and Family: We were saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He was a good man, a good friend and one of the best law enforcement officers that I (Eddie) ever worked with. I always felt comfortable back in the "old days" knowing that Ray was backing me up. I worked very closely with him when he was on the Board of Commisioners in setting up the 911 Center. He was a pleasure to work with and we will all miss him.

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**Eddie, Angela, & Tinsley Ball** - April 13, 2011 at 02:56 PM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Linda L Harris** - April 13, 2011 at 02:52 PM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear of Ray's death. He and I worked together for several years and enjoyed our working relationship. Our prayers are with the family.

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**Retired Captain R.L. Jones** - April 13, 2011 at 01:12 PM

SW

“ Dear Dianne: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I hope that you and your family may find comfort in good memories and your love for him and his love for his family. May God Bless you all,  
Susan Hall Wilson

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**Susan Hall Wilson** - April 13, 2011 at 12:50 PM

BP

“ Dianne and David- Just wanted you to know we are thinking about you during this time in your life and you are in our prayers. Beth, Nancy, and "Miss" Joan

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**Beth Spradlin Pitts** - April 13, 2011 at 07:37 AM

FB

“ I worked with Major Stephenson for a while and he was always very nice to be around. My condolences to the family; it's always difficult to lose someone you care about.

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**Frances Butler** - April 12, 2011 at 05:14 PM

VS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ray, he was a good man, he was my Boss for a few years at HQ.

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**Vicky Simpson** - April 12, 2011 at 02:47 PM

MG

“ Diane, so sorry for your loss of your Daddy. You'll be in my prayers.

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**Marcia Gray** - April 12, 2011 at 02:21 PM

CK

“ Diane, David and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know I have you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Christy Kelley** - April 12, 2011 at 12:15 PM

CC

“ When Bonnie and I moved to Newnan in 1998 we met Ray and became great friends. He was a generous friend that you could always count on. We will miss him! Our condolences to all of his family. Ray, we were blessed to know you! Godspeed.

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**Calvin & Bonnie Cowles** - April 12, 2011 at 09:59 AM

YB

“ *Diane, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. Yvonne Binion*

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**Yvonne Binion** - April 12, 2011 at 08:35 AM

DC

“ *Dearest Diane and Family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and comfort. Love, Debbie*

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**Debbie Conner** - April 12, 2011 at 07:36 AM