



Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnutt

November 25, 1926 - October 31, 2021

Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnutt, 94, of Newnan passed away Sunday, October 31, 2021 at his home at Wesley-Woods of Newnan-Peachtree City. He was born November 25, 1926 in Roopville, GA to the late John Amos Cross Shelnutt & Winnie Mae Gentry Shelnutt. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Meriam McCollough Shelnutt.

Rev. Shelnutt attended Young Harris College before receiving a Bachelor's degree in English from Emory University and Master's of Divinity degree from The Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He devoted his career to the Lord by serving many parishes in the United Methodist Church including, the Coweta Circuit, St. Stephen's UMC, Canton FUMC, Jonesboro FUMC, Smyrna FUMC, College Park FUMC, Fayetteville FUMC, N. Decatur UMC, and Hapeville FUMC-Emory Chapel. Extending past his devotion to his family, he enjoyed gardening, reading, and the company of others. Throughout his ministry he served on multiple boards and committees in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church and Young Harris College. He was also active in many civic organizations throughout his career.

The funeral is 11 am Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Newnan First United Methodist Church with Rev. Charles Robinson and Rev. Dee Shelnutt officiating. Following the funeral service, the family will greet friends in the Annex of Newnan First United Methodist. Burial will be at 3:30 pm at Powder

Springs Cemetery on Old Austell Road, Powder Springs, GA. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Young Harris College at <https://www.yhc.edu/giving> The family requests everyone attending the services wear a mask.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include sons, Gentry Shelnut and his wife Rana, Stephen D. Shelnut and his wife Sandra; grandchildren, Stephen Dale Shelnut, Jr., Meriam Blevin Shelnut and her husband Charles Harlan, Laura Shelnut Kennedy and her husband Franklin, Genna Shelnut and her husband Todd Sevier, Leslie Meriam Shelnut; great-grandchildren, Parker Allen Kennedy, Pacey June Kennedy; nieces, nephews and extended family.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Powder Springs Cemetery

Old Austell Road
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church Annex Hall
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Graveside Service

NOV 4. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Powder Springs Cemetery
Old Austell Road
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I knew Rev Shelnutt and his wife Meriam from Hapeville United Methodist Church.
My parents were friends of theirs even after they moved on.
My Mother, Dorothy Allen, died in 2008, my father Bob, 2011. When going through her items, I found two letters from Fred and Meriam dated 1992(they attended my parents 50th, 1992) and 2003. They were nice memories for me. Several years ago I spoke to him when he was at Wesley Woods.
I was so glad to have that conversation. He was a wonderful preacher.
. Dorothy Allen Green

Dorothy Allen Green - November 05, 2021 at 02:08 PM

SM

“ I have such good memories of Rev. Shellnutt. He married my husband and me 51 years ago here at Smyrna FUMC. He was such a kind gentleman. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. You all will be in my prayers.

Shelia McBrayeer - November 04, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnutt.



November 03, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnett.*



November 03, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of delivering the mail to Rev. and Mrs. Shelnett for about 10 years. They were such a lovely couple and had such a perfectly kept house and yard. When my husband was running for county commissioner, we learned that Rev. Shelnett had preached George's Grandfather's funeral when he was just starting in the ministry. Such a small world. I am grateful that I was able to know him even for so brief a time. I know God has you all in his care. And your parents and grandparents are together again in His presence. By the way, he was born a few days before my Daddy (We lost him at 87) and around 10 months older than my Mama. She's doing well for 94. They were married for a little over 66 years. God was very good to us all, letting us have them for as long as He did. May God Bless you all. Alice M. Coggin*

Alice M Coggin - November 02, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Bill Morrison purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnett.*



Bill Morrison - November 02, 2021 at 07:25 PM

TH

“ *The Shelnutt Family has played a vital role in my life in a variety of different ways. My condolences to them all at their loss of such a great father in Fred Shelnutt.*

Terry Heinlein - November 02, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Fred Gentry Shelnutt.*



November 02, 2021 at 04:38 PM

OJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Ollie Howell Jr.
Margrit Howell.*

Ollie Howell Jr - November 02, 2021 at 02:07 PM

HP

“ *Reverend Shelnutt was a wonderful man whom I always enjoyed seeing at First Methodist. On several occasions he taught our Sunday School class and his lessons were always inspirational,informative, and beautifully presented. His mastery and appreciation of English and his strong faith were so evident. My deepest sympathy to his family at this sad time. He will be missed.
Harriett Palmer*

Harriett Palmer - November 02, 2021 at 01:45 PM

DH

“ Our hearts are heavy as we learn of Fred's death. We share with his family our love and concern. We also regret that we cannot attend the funeral and reception because of having a doctor's appointment with a specialist on Thursday. Our prayers and blessings will be with Charles and Dee as they conduct the funeral and celebration for a man who lived his faith and served God to the fullest. David and Harriette Haygood

David and Harriette Haygood - November 02, 2021 at 11:15 AM

EI

“ Rev. Shelnutt was a fine gentleman. He was my grandparent's CE Alexander and Lilian's preacher for many years. They really thought a lot of him and his wife. He ever so kind to our family over the years as we lost family and always made sure he prayed with each of us. May God give you peace as you grieve his passing. Thank you. Bless you all.

Emory Alexander III - November 02, 2021 at 08:07 AM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. May happy memories bring you some comfort during this difficult time. Much love, Shannon & Tim Brewer



Shannon Brewer - November 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM