



Harold D. Williford, Jr.

September 12, 1931 - May 21, 2025

Mr. Harold D. Williford, 93, of Newnan, passed away peacefully at home on May 21, 2025.

Harold was raised in south-central North Carolina. He was the oldest of five children and quickly developed a strong work ethic. By the age of 12, he was able to run the family farm, and before graduating high school, he had also worked as a butcher's assistant and a school bus driver. He attended Brevard College in North Carolina until joining the U.S. Air Force to serve in the Korean War. Harold commissioned as an officer through the aviation cadet program. While serving as a pilot and flight instructor in the Air Force, he met and married Martha Ann. After his service in the Air Force, he began his commercial airline career. Harold and Martha Ann moved to Newnan, where they raised their three children. He had an entrepreneurial spirit and owned or partnered in the ownership of several businesses in addition to his airline career. After Martha Ann's death, he married and is survived by Beverly C. Williford of Newnan.

Throughout his life, Harold exemplified stewardship of all God entrusted into his care. He loved God, his family, which includes many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his friends, who enjoyed the banter of his good sense of humor and his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Harold was a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church and served his community as a member of the Optimist Club and Kiwanis Golden K. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed music, especially acoustic guitar, banjo, and

mandolin.

Harold is survived by his second wife, Beverly, his son Dan (Melinda), daughters Lee (Charles) and Christine (William), stepsons John (Tina) and Brian, as well as eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Sue (Charles), brother-in-law Malcolm, and numerous beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

A graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Global Methodist Church (<https://globalmethodist.org/give/>), P.O. Box 1360, King George, VA 22485.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PI

“ Hi Christine and Lee! Just wanted to let you know you're always on my mind and always in my heart. I didn't have your phone number or address I lost it after my sick leave. If you get this message please call me at 706 416 9508 and my address is 2379 Lukken Industrial Drive West, Lagrange, GA 30240. I miss you guys. Your parents raised beautiful, thoughtful, Christian children.

Patsey Irvin - April 01 at 07:13 PM

VP

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of such a wonderful man. I have missed the Williford family for quite some time. I practically lived there when Lee and I were very young. I'll always remember how Mr. Williford would walk down the stairs from the dining room and say, "Well hello there Vici", and smile a slightly crooked smile. I have very fond memories of the entire family. Mother and I would love to be there with you, however there's a scheduling conflict, it's my great-granddaughter's first birthday. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all 🙏



Victoria Hammond Pyles - June 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Harold D. Williford, Jr.



Joy Williams - June 08, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ Dear Williford, Wyrick, and Oliver Families,
I was deeply saddened to learn of Harold's death and am remembering you in your loss. I will always be grateful for Harold's generosity & kindness towards me, in our times together and gathered at the Williford home on Deep Dene. He always genuinely made me feel welcomed there, and spared nothing in making it a time I looked forward to and in a gracious setting.
Harold broadened my interest as a sports spectator beyond my allegiance for college football, with his love for golf and Atlanta Braves baseball. A dedicated viewer, he would still leave the comforts of his well worn chair and the bottomless bowl of peanuts for a family card game, which he always made competitive and fun, even if others won. He was the good sport !
Kind and concerned for others, it was a privilege to know Harold. Though known only for a short time, in his very long life, he made a difference for my family and will be sorely missed.
Remembering him and sharing in your sorrow.
Kathy O'Kelley

Kathy O'Kelley - June 08, 2025 at 08:13 AM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Harold D. Williford, Jr.



Gerrie Petty - June 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM