



Patrick McKenzie Windham

March 10, 1941 - August 25, 2026

Mr. Patrick McKenzie Windham, 85, of Newnan, passed away Tuesday, August 25th. He was born March 10, 1941, in Thomaston, Georgia, to the late Jesse Windham and Maude Peterman Windham. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Julian Windham, Irene Underwood, Dorothy Stephens, Troy Windham, and Lamar Windham.

Pat was born in a three-room house in the Silvertown mill village of Thomaston, Ga. His childhood was spent being adventurous and causing typical boyhood mischief with his brothers. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1959, and shortly after, he met Diane Cochran at the local skating rink, and his life was forever changed. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961 and eloped with Diane in 1962. After four years in the Air Force, he was hired on the spot at Delta Air Lines as an avionics mechanic. Through the years 1965-1990, his career advanced through numerous positions, including lead mechanic, shop foreman, and General Manager over five avionics shops. In 1990, he was promoted to General Manager over the Flight Simulator Division until he retired in 1994. After retiring from Delta in 1994, he promptly began working for Barfield, Inc., as Vice President of Business Development. He worked at Barfield for five years before returning to Delta as a consultant for Tech Sales and Tech Ops, under his company, Aviation Information Resources, Inc. During his career, Pat held positions of leadership at the Avionics Maintenance Conference (AMC) and received

numerous honors and accolades. He was awarded the Man of the Decade award from the AMC for two consecutive decades and received the prestigious Volare award twice for his contributions to the aviation industry.

While Pat was certainly well known in the world of avionics, those who knew him best understood that he was so much more. Some people remember him as their Little League coach, some knew him as a Mason and Shriner, many knew him as a prankster who loved a good joke and even more knew and loved him as a mentor and legend, both in their careers and their lives. Pat lived a life of quiet faith, and loved nothing more than his friends, his family, his garden, a homegrown Rutgers tomato, and a good cigar.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Diane Windham of Newnan; son Keith Windham (Michelle) of Greensboro; daughters Christy Flemming (John) of Newnan, Joy Knight (Keith) of Newnan; grandchildren Taylor Windham, Zachary Windham, Barbara Flemming, Patrick Knight, Sam Knight; brother Leon Windham (Mandy) of Cleveland, Tennessee; and multiple nieces and nephews.

The family is deeply grateful for the love and support for those who have helped him in recent years.

Pat Windham's funeral and celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, September 5th, 2026, at Central Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia, with Reverend Matt Sapp and Bruce Goddard officiating. Following the service, the family will greet friends in the church fellowship hall. Pat's ashes will be privately scattered at his beloved Liar's Lodge hunting land along with a few of his other favorite places.

Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Children's Scottish Rite Hospital (give.choa.org) or Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan GA 30263

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

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

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Upcoming Events

Funeral Service

SEP **5**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Donnie, Ian, and your entire VSE Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.



Donnie, Ian, and your entire VSE Family - Yesterday at 05:43 PM

DF

“ Donnie, Ian, and your entire VSE Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

Donnie, Ian, and your entire VSE Family - Yesterday at 05:43 PM

MC

“ Mario Catalano purchased the Divine Light for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.



Mario Catalano - Yesterday at 05:41 PM

MC

“ Mario Catalano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

Mario Catalano - Yesterday at 05:41 PM

SR

“ Shane & Cindy Reed purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.



Shane & Cindy Reed - Yesterday at 10:37 AM

SR

“ Shane & Cindy Reed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

Shane & Cindy Reed - Yesterday at 10:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.



September 01 at 05:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

September 01 at 05:42 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.*



September 01 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

September 01 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.*



August 31 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.

August 31 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pat was my GM when I started in the Avionics shops at Delta. Always a smile on his face! Positive influence on everyone around him.*
Alan Atkinson, Delta Airlines AMT

Alan Atkinson - August 30 at 08:47 AM

TS

“ *Team Summit purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patrick McKenzie Windham.*



Team Summit - August 29 at 07:11 PM

TS

“ *Team Summit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick McKenzie Windham.*

Team Summit - August 29 at 07:11 PM

MO

“ *Pat was a fine man, always kind and a fine example as a husband and father. My oldest memory is from family visits at your parents' home, Diane. Our prayers are with you at this time of loss. But oh what a blessing to know so surely he's with his Savior today.*

Mark Oglesby - August 29 at 05:01 PM

RB

I am so sad to be seeing this. Not only was Pat a fine husband, dad, coach, prankster, he was one of the best bosses one could have. I worked for him many years at Delta. Know that my heartfelt condolences are with you all at this truly sad time. Rhonda Brooks

Rhonda Brooks - August 30 at 08:40 AM