



## Steve Hardegree

August 29, 1933 - July 20, 2020

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Some might find this lifestyle somewhat of a daunting task. Steve Hardegree did not. Steve was born August 29, 1933 and was one of eight children born to the late Jesse and Fannie Stephens Hardegree. The Hardegree and Stephens families are like historic markers in the Handy Community of Coweta County. In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his siblings, Vivian Leigh Hardegree, Jack Hardegree, Jesse Eldridge Hardegree, Jr. and Mary Hardegree Rooker. Steve graduated from Western High School and would later marry the young lady that completed his life. Nancy Faver saw that red hair and piercing blue eyes and was hooked. Their love story would continue for the next 64+ years. Steve's last words were of the love he had for Nancy. At age 19, he heeded the call of his country during the Korean War and spent his tour of duty in the belly of the Navy ship, the USS Shenandoah as a boiler operator. Steve spent his employment career in the insurance business and he diligently worked for his customers as in any task he assumed in life. Nothing was more important to Steve than his family. When Paul, his son, played ball, Steve was right there volunteering and coaching. He had a love for baseball especially the Atlanta Braves and his affection for pitching was passed down to his daughter, Tina, whom he also coached for years in church softball. Steve's family had a deep involvement in the life of their church, Elim Baptist in the Handy Community.

At one time or another, he would serve on every committee, sing in the choir, be involved in Sunday School, help with the fish fry and even looked after the cemetery for years. He believed in the importance of the deacons in the church and faithfully performed his duties as deacon for 53 years. In spite of all the other roles he had in life, he absolutely relished his role as a grandfather and great grandfather. His heart had a huge capacity of love and he gave it freely. These lucky kids never got too old to share a chair or pile up on the sofa. The words in the book of Micah speak to a Christian's obligation as a believer, in that God wants us to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him. Well done, Steve, you have been a faithful servant in all that you have done. It should be mentioned that he was a passionate fan of both The University of Georgia and Georgia Tech and split his loyalties due to granddaughter Erin's graduation from Georgia Tech and grandson Brantley's from University of Georgia. He had a great fondness for lawn mowers especially those that were John Deere green and was often found mowing not only his own lawn but those of neighbors as well. Steve is survived by his wife Nancy Faver Hardegree. He daily led by example in the lives of his children, Tina Hardegree Marsh and her husband Michael; Paul Hardegree and his wife Joanne. His grandchildren are Erin Marsh, Ryan (and Ana) Marsh, Brantley (and Lauren) Hardegree and Devon Hardegree. Nothing could lighten the burden of Steve's health issues like the appearance of his great grandchildren McKena Neumeyer, Declan Hardegree and Eva Marsh. His surviving siblings are Nancy Hardegree Burks, Betty Hardegree Stapler, and

Julian "Bubba" Hardegree. The life and love of Steve Hardegree will be remembered in service to be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 11:00 AM. Leading the service will be Reverend David Patrick and Reverend Mike Harris. Interment will be in Historic Elim Baptist Church Cemetery led by Reverend Glenn Dow. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 22nd between 6:00 PM ~8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Flowers are a lovely remembrance, but it is the suggestion

of Steve's family that instead of flowers, his life might be memorialized by a gift in his memory to Elim Baptist Church Cemetery Fund 1529 Handy Road or on the internet [www.elimbaptistnewnan.com/giving](http://www.elimbaptistnewnan.com/giving), Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Elim Baptist Church Cemetery

1529 Handy Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Elim Baptist Church  
1529 Handy Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Tina prayers to you and your family.

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**Marilyn Palmer** - July 25, 2020 at 07:46 PM

GG

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time and sending thoughts, prayers and hugs.

Love,  
Gail Lee Gordon

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**Gail Gordon** - July 22, 2020 at 06:43 PM

JG

“ Miss Nancy, Tina, Paul and family, it breaks my heart to hear of Mr. Steve's passing. Y'all have been a part of my life since I can remember. We all attended Sunday School together, sang in the choir, ate Homecoming dinners and other things at Elim. Once when I was at the church years ago, I went around and took pictures of all the Homecoming gatherings on the front steps that hand in the Sunday School area. They are priceless.

*Rest eternal grant unto Steve, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Love, Jennie

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**Jennie Pursley Gillihan** - July 22, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Hardegree.*



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July 22, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steve Hardegree.*



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July 22, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steve Hardegree.*



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July 22, 2020 at 05:42 AM



“ *Jimmy & Rachel Hucks lit a candle in memory of Steve Hardegree*



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**Jimmy & Rachel Hucks** - July 21, 2020 at 11:29 PM

BR

“ *Uncle Steve will be greatly missed. Our family reunions will not be the same without his presence and opening prayer. He was a man who loved God and served him well. His family was a top priority and he was so proud of his growing bunch.*

*In the last few years the love of his family sustained him through many physical trials.*

*Nancy, Tina, Paul and family - our thoughts are with you.*

*Barry and Chris Rooker*

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**Barry and Chris Rooker** - July 21, 2020 at 07:11 PM

LH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God bring you peace and comfort.*

*Lynnetta Hill  
Michael Studdard  
Taylor Studdard*

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**Lynnetta Hill** - July 21, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Hardegree.*



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July 21, 2020 at 04:09 PM

GB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hardegree Family. May happy memories help to sustain you all through this difficult period. You all will remain in my prayers.*

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**Gayle Barker** - July 21, 2020 at 03:07 PM

BW

“ *Please accept our sincerest condolences on Steve's passing. He lived such a long good life and he and were true soul mates. She often recounted when he went to service and came back. Shortly afterwards, they married and started their lovely family.*

*Nancy and I worked together very closed in elementary libraries and then Evans Middle School. She was a diligent worker and did everything she tackled with precision.*

*Nancy, I hope you take comfort in all your many great memories with Steve. He will truly be missed.*



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - July 21, 2020 at 02:48 PM



*SO SORRY .I CAN REMEMBER HIM.HE WAS A FRIEND OF MY PARENTS.*

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**Bertha Bolton** - July 21, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JD

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as you walk down memory lane while celebrating Steve's life. Jeanine Traylor Duty*

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**Jeanine Duty** - July 22, 2020 at 11:35 AM

SD

*Nancy, Tina, Paul, and family. Thinking of you all at this time. Nancy, I remember conversations and visits with my Aunt Monie and Mother. Tina, I remember you on the ball field. My love and prayers are with you all.*

*May God bless you with strength, courage, comfort, grace, mercy, and peace as you walk this journey.*

*In His Name,  
Sherry Bottoms Daniel*

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**Sherry Bottoms Daniel** - August 02, 2020 at 02:06 PM