



## Brian Thomas Jefferson

August 2, 1941 - March 23, 2014

Dr. Brian “Doc” Jefferson, 72, of Tyrone, GA passed away Sunday, March 23, 2014 at Hospice Atlanta. He was born August 2, 1941 in Wareham, Massachusetts to the late George Jefferson & Avis Rider Jefferson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, George Raymond Jefferson.

Brian grew up and graduated from high school in Wareham, MA. His love of sailing and boating began as a young man spending time in the waters off Cape Cod. Brian spent several years serving his country in the Coast Guard. He received his Master’s & Doctorate Degrees in Art from Pennsylvania State University. He was a Fulbright Scholar and an Art Professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta. His love of art, quick wit, and whimsical spirit touched the lives of many of his students.

His love of family and friends was always evident in all his endeavors. Brian was active in the lives of his two daughters, always present for the activities whether serving as president of the PTA or going on Girl Scout Camping Trips. He derived a tremendous amount of joy watching grandsons play soccer.

The memorial service is Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 11:00 o’clock in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. The visitation is Tuesday evening between 5:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Hospice Atlanta, 1244 Park Vista Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include wife of 49 years, Judy Pierce Jefferson of Tyrone, GA; daughters, Rachel Spates & husband Thad of Newnan, GA, Kristin Skelly & husband Greg of Newnan; and grandchildren, Keirnan Skelly, Cooper Morrison, Chelsea Spates.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, Newnan, GA (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

## Visitation

**MAR 25.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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## Service

**MAR 26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Thomas Jefferson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Kristin and Family-Our family sends you love, peace and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss!*

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**Wendy Scarbrough** - March 25, 2014 at 08:31 PM

MM

“ *We have lost a good friend and colleague. I have many fond memories of his help for students and his dedicated teaching. Will miss his sense of humor! Thinking of his family. Michael*

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**Michael murrell** - March 25, 2014 at 05:38 PM

RS

“ *Dear Judy and family, I am so saddened to hear of Brian's passing. My heart goes out to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rhonda Smith** - March 25, 2014 at 02:51 PM

CR

“ I knew Brian from the day I was born. We were in the same hospital nursery together. He was born twelve hours before me (him around 7 pm on Aug.2; and me around 7 am on Aug.3. His mother and my father were siblings; so Brian and I were first cousins. We spent a lot of time together until the month of our 7th birthday when my father's job took us from MA to NY. Even after that, we spent school vacations and parts of each summer together every year. So many childhood memories - so much fun - and so much love between us! And, yes - I can tell you that he ALWAYS had that wonderful sense of humor! His light shone brightly; and reached far and wide. All who knew and loved him were touched by him, laughed with him, and now are saddened that his light has gone to shine in heaven. The joy and love that he brought to our lives, we will keep forever. I feel blessed to have had such a special place in his heart - and he in mine; and to have shared so much with him. I will forever hold on to the memories and love we shared. I pray for God's blessings upon his wonderful, loving wife, Judy; their 2 daughters, Rachel and Kristen - their husbands and the grandchildren! Rest in peace, dear Brian.

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**Claire Rider** - March 25, 2014 at 02:19 PM

SL

“ Dear Judy and family, My heart goes out to you. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you -  
Sandra -

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**Sandra Lucus** - March 25, 2014 at 01:38 PM

VM

“ Brian was a wonderful person and a great teacher. Verle considers him one of his closest friends. We are so sad! Best to the family.  
Ginny (and Verle)

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**Verle and Ginny Mickish** - March 25, 2014 at 01:29 PM

RH

“ Judy, Brian was a GREAT man, teacher, mentor, husband, and friend. I have always respected his witty mindful ways and admired his ability to make friends with everyone he met. As my professor at Georgia State I have fond memories of taking his classes and asking his guidance. He was also so fun and easy to talk to. Brian, Gretchen, and you are people who I will forever be in debt to for inspiring me as an artist and teacher. You both gave me the gift of teaching and I will forever be grateful. Brian's spirit will live on in us and through us. Our prayers are with you and your family. I'm really grateful we got to see you both a few weeks ago at the restaurant.  
Love, Ryan and Jessica

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**Ryan and Jessica Heming** - March 25, 2014 at 01:15 PM

DR

“ We are sad, very sad and will so miss Doc's winning smile and quick wit.

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**Don Rehwaldt** - March 25, 2014 at 12:35 PM

HB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, we will continue to keep your family in our prayers and our hearts.

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**Herb and Julie Betts** - March 25, 2014 at 12:08 PM

GC

“ So sorry to learn of Brian's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

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**GRACE CALDWELL** - March 25, 2014 at 12:03 PM

LH

“ Judy, Kristin & Rachel, My prayers go out to you. Brian's death so soon after his brother Raymond's death was a shock to me. I will always remember his humor and quick wit. May he rest in peace in his new world. Lindy Hewey

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**Lyndall Hewey** - March 25, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MC

“ Kristin and Rachel, Jose and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers!

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**Melissa Casablanca** - March 25, 2014 at 10:01 AM

PS

“ I'm so very sorry,

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**Patty Snider** - March 25, 2014 at 06:30 AM

EV

“ My heart goes out to you. You have always had a special place in my heart ever since you invited me down to Georgia from NYC. You were a part of my family from then on, and even though time and distance have passed you are always in my thoughts. I send big hugs from NY to you and your family.

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**Evi** - March 24, 2014 at 11:29 PM

CP

“ Such a wonderful man. Uncle Brian, you will be greatly missed. Brothers now joined in heaven, once again together. My deepest sympathy and prayers to Aunt Judy, Kristin and Rachel.

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**Cheryl Pichel** - March 24, 2014 at 08:42 PM

RB

“ Dear Sister in Christ Jesus. We are so sorry for your loss, but as we all know that Brian is at his new home with our JESUS we all look forward to seeing Brian again. Our Wednesday service at Christ Episcopal Church at 10AM will be in remembrance of Brian. You all are in our prayers and hope to get to see you all soon. Dianne and I will keep you and your loved one lifted up. God Bless . Love Dick and Dianne.

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**Richard & Dianne Begg** - March 24, 2014 at 07:44 PM

MI

“ Kristen, Rachel and Judy, I am so very sorry for your loss and the world's loss. Doc was such a gift and leaves such a great legacy. He can now watch over his Keirnan, Cooper and Chelsea from a better place. I hope there is some solace in that. My heart aches for you...  
Miranda

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**Miranda** - March 24, 2014 at 05:29 PM

BB

“ Judy and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I know you will celebrate Brian's life each and every day. I'm thankful that I was able to spend some time with this great man. Love, Brian Balocki

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**Brian Balocki** - March 24, 2014 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Judy---Just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are all very saddened by this. His smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed! We love you!

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**Dr Ali Harandi and staff** - March 24, 2014 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ Judy and Family, I am sorry to hear of your Loss. May the spirit of Love surround you during these times.

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**KEN MATTHEWS** - March 24, 2014 at 12:01 PM

LM

“ Dear Judy, Please know that you and your family are in our hearts at this time. I know from how you always glowingly spoke of Brian, that you and he shared a special love as husband and wife. I remember the fun day we spent with Brian at a faculty event making paper hats, laughing and him inspiring us all to be creative. Together the two of you were so dedicated to your daughters and their families, to education, personal improvement and art. You brought out the best in one another. Again, please know you are being thought of with lots of love and sympathy for your loss.

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**Larisa McMichael** - March 24, 2014 at 09:34 AM

AH

“ I had the privilege to sit with Doc off & on these last few weeks at Piedmont hospital & it was a great experience. You are by far my favorite patient & I loved you like family. I can't believe your gone. I'm so hurt & confused because you were just up talking to me on Thursday. It's gonna be hard going to work everyday because I will never get you out of my mind. You were such a sweetheart who loved his family so much. You will always be in my heart my Doc! I luv you!!!!!!

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**April Hoskins** - March 24, 2014 at 09:18 AM

RT

“ Dear Judy, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. I did not know Brian very well, but the times he was around at our school functions, he lit up the room...always with a kind word and a big smile on his face. I could tell that the love you two shared was immense. You both are such an inspiration. I know the beautiful memories you have of your lives together will bring you great comfort. Take good care of yourself. Much Love, Roberta Taylor

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**Roberta Taylor** - March 24, 2014 at 06:59 AM

JM

“ I was shocked to learn of Brian's death. He was an accomplished and valued colleague, always open and friendly. I will remember him fondly! His family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim McLean** - March 23, 2014 at 11:05 PM

BK

“ Today, I cannot keep my mind from continually thinking of my high school and college years. I am so thankful for the years spent at the Jefferson's household. With all the crazy and fun memories, comes the realization that Dr. Jefferson was a wonderful "daughter-daddy." He put up with, laughed at, and even loved the silliness and crazy antics that daughters and their friends do. When I think of Dr. J, and I think of the following quote: "There is no kind of affection so purely angelic as the father to a daughter. In love to our wives there is desire; to our sons, ambition; but to our daughters there is something which there are no words to express." - Joseph Addison Rachel, Kristin, and Judy - Mike and I love you all so much and we thank God for the blessing of our past with you and Doc.

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**Barbie Kulp** - March 23, 2014 at 08:43 PM

AM

“ You are all in our thoughts during this difficult time. Doc was a sweet man who loved his family and will be missed. -Tim, Angela and Sean

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**Angela McNulty** - March 23, 2014 at 08:30 PM

AA

“ Dearest Judy, You are in my prayers during this very difficult time. I'm devastated to hear the news. I can't tell you how sorry I am. God bless you and your family. Please look after yourself. Love, Alia xxx

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**Alia Al-Mutawa** - March 23, 2014 at 08:06 PM

ZM

“ Brian was a man truly devoted to his family. We always cherished his Christmas letters because they were a portrait painted in words of the love he held in his heart for his wonderful family. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to learn from his example of steadfast love. Judy, we will hold you tightly in our hearts and constantly in our prayers. May God give you strength and comfort you as only He can. We send you our love, Zoe and Henry Miller

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**Zoe and Henry Miller** - March 23, 2014 at 07:20 PM

JP

“ My prayers and sympathy go out to Judy and the family. I regret that it wasn't until recently that I even knew where Brian was living. I wish we could have been closer but I'll always have the memories of when we were young and the beautiful art he created. The world has lost a very special man.

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**James W. Pierce** - March 23, 2014 at 06:30 PM

LO

“ He was a great man and will be surely missed. We are praying for you during thus difficult times. Remember all of the wonderful times and memories you had with him.

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**Lisa Oot** - March 23, 2014 at 06:24 PM

TG

“ Kristin and Rachel, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Tanya Grieb** - March 23, 2014 at 06:11 PM

DF

“ Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of great loss. Denise Farmer

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**Denise Farmer** - March 23, 2014 at 06:05 PM

RA

“ I'm gonna miss ya, Doc. Thank you for the good times. I can't tell ya what it means to me to have been your best friend, next to JuJu. We'll meet again when I cross over that Rainbow Bridge. Love, Rascal.

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**Rascal** - March 23, 2014 at 05:43 PM

JM

“ So very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**jill morelock** - March 23, 2014 at 05:26 PM

TJ

“ Our love and continuous prayers go out to your sweet family.

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**Tim and Lorraine Johnson** - March 23, 2014 at 04:47 PM

DB

“ *What a great man! I was so blessed to be able to know him. Judy, you and your family are in my prayers and always in my heart! Love you*

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**Debbie Bonnell** - March 23, 2014 at 04:19 PM