



Cecil McMichael

March 15, 1937 - July 4, 2018

Retired businessman Cecil McMichael passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at his home in Newnan. He was born to James (Jay) McMichael, Sr. and Opal Wilson McMichael on March 15, 1937 in the textile village of East Newnan.

The family lived there until 1945 when his father was drafted into the Navy for the purpose of training for the invasion of Japan to end World War II.

Cecil started school in a one room building which served as East Newnan's 1st grade. The family had to leave when his father was drafted so they moved to 57 Greenville St. in Newnan and Cecil went to various city schools until his graduation in 1955, and was with the first group of students to attend the Newnan High School (new at this time) on Lagrange Street. He adapted well in the Newnan School System and graduated with the prestigious Beta Club Seal on his diploma. On October 22, 1955, he married Shelby Taylor McMichael, whom he dearly loved since the age of 14!

After graduating he immediately went into sales with a local furniture store and sold furniture for 9 years. Seeing no future for himself in that business, he decided to move into the life and health insurance field where he excelled until he started his next venture, building and selling real estate. While selling insurance for many years he set records with several companies for the highest earners who worked for them. Some of those trips (all expenses paid by the companies) included visits to New Orleans, U.S. Virgin Islands, New York City, Jamaica, Miami Beach and Hawaii. Cecil set an all time record of most new production and most new premium income with one of the

companies he represented in 1978. That record was for the entire United States and it still stands today. There was a congratulatory article published about him in The National Life Underwriters Magazine that year.

For several years he owned and operated McMichael Realty and Insurance Inc. until his real estate portion became so busy he had to give up the insurance business altogether. He continued selling, buying and developing real estate until his retirement at the age of 62. In addition, he also provided mortgages to many couples who could not have otherwise enjoyed the American Dream of home ownership. He continued providing both 1st and 2nd mortgages for purchasers right up until his death.

His hobbies were small game hunting, fishing, casinos and going to the movies. His greatest accomplishments in life to him were his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with family and providing for them. That meant more to him than any material thing he could have ever owned.

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

He is survived by his loving wife, Shelby Taylor McMichael; children, Dale K. McMichael, Sheryl A. Seals (Ronald) and Brenda J. Ford (Mason R. Day); six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Cecil's life will be held Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan with Andrew M. Harvill, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1:00 PM until service time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Bridging the Gap Community Outreach 19 First Avenue Newnan, GA 30263 www.btgcommunity.org.
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

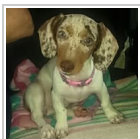
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Millians Arrowood lit a candle in memory of Cecil McMichael*



Ann Millians Arrowood - August 29, 2018 at 07:39 PM

MS

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Cecil's death. He was a true southern gentleman! My sincerest condolences to his family and friends!!!*

Marcia Smith - July 30, 2018 at 02:51 PM

SS

“ *Shelby, just read of Cecil's death. I am so sorry I did not know before now and didn't make it to the Funeral Home. You will be in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days, weeks and months ahead. May God give you comfort and His Peace at this difficult time. Love You, Syble Storey*

Syble Storey - July 09, 2018 at 12:35 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you today. I'm so glad I was able to visit with Cecil, Shelby and Brenda when I was in Newnan for my 40th high school reunion. I have fond memories of Cecil and all of the time I spent with your family in the 70's. He wrote (typed) letters to me for years after I left Newnan!*

I have some friends who have a child that is experiencing severe medical problems right now. In lieu of flowers, I'll make a gift to this family in Mr. Cecil's honor. I know that would make him happy!

Love,

Susie

Susie Stone Malloy - July 08, 2018 at 03:40 PM

WT

“ *Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in memory of Cecil McMichael*



Wilson and Jane Treadwell - July 07, 2018 at 09:49 PM

MY

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Cecil's passing. Our prayers to the family. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Mike and Bev Yeager Family*

Mike Yeager - July 06, 2018 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ *Julie A Bates purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Cecil McMichael.*



Julie A Bates - July 06, 2018 at 11:34 AM

KS

“ *Kathi W. Sumner lit a candle in memory of Cecil McMichael*



Kathi W. Sumner - July 06, 2018 at 11:19 AM

FF

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Cecil. He was a good man. Our prayers are with all the family during this time of loss.*
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - July 06, 2018 at 09:50 AM

FC

“ *sorry to hear about cecial . my prayers for you and your family shelby.*

Floyd Cheeves - July 05, 2018 at 09:18 PM

FF

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Mcmichael Family.



Fran Futral - July 05, 2018 at 08:23 PM

BR

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Uncle Cecil! He was always so funny , and I am just now seeing this . My prayers are with Aunt Shelby , Sheryl, Dale and Brenda. He was one of the funniest people I knew .

Beverly M. Rothwell - July 05, 2018 at 07:27 PM

BP

“ Keeping you all in my prayers. Beth Spradlin Pitts

Beth Spradlin Pitts - July 05, 2018 at 07:05 PM

GW

“ As your old school buddy, Dale, I am sad for you and all your family!! (From Gail Williams)

gail Williams - July 05, 2018 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ *Dear Cecil Family,
I remember Cecil as being a Good Friendly person. He graduated in 1955 and I graduated in 1954 and in later years I would see him around Newnan. I considered him as a good Friend.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during this very difficult time.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.*

Don Jones Sr. - July 05, 2018 at 04:09 PM