



## Charles Richard Clarke

November 15, 1928 - January 20, 2019

Charles Richard Clarke Sr., age 90, passed away Sunday, January 20, 2019 in Newnan, GA. He was born November 15, 1928 in College Park, GA to the late Wilburn Rucker Clarke and Rosalba Owens Clarke.

Charles served his country in both the United States Marines and as a United States Naval Aviator. He was honorably discharged from both and while in the Navy he received the National Defense Service Ribbon. Charles graduated from the Georgia Military Academy and received his degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Georgia Tech. Charles worked in the US Space program following graduation and was proud to spend his career as part of the Apollo Moon program and the Space Shuttle program in Ft Walton Beach FL, Huntsville, AL, and the Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island FL. Charles was strong in his faith and was a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church.

The funeral service is Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 2 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Rev. Charles Robinson and Rev. Gary Parrish officiating. Burial will follow the service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Road, in Newnan. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 12 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Along with his parents, Charles is preceded in death by his brothers, William R. Clarke, Jr. and Robert S. Clarke. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Ann Clarke; children, Rebecca Ann Clarke, Tom Clarke and his wife Laurie, Richard Clarke and his wife Terri; grandchildren, Ryan Clarke, Andrew Clarke, Carly Rider, Natalie Clarke, Kathryn Clarke; sisters, Rose Marie Hood and Elizabeth Clarke Muzio.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Charles's memory to the Quilts of Valor veterans organization or the Newnan Coweta Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Aunt Jo, Becky, Richard and Tom  
My deepest sympathy for the loss of your cherished husband and father. I did not get to see "Uncle Charley" very much during my life, but when I did, it was always a wonderful time spent with him at family reunions. Uncle Charley always told such interesting and engaging stories and he was truly interested in knowing what was going on with whomever he was talking with. I hope you can find solace in all the wonderful memories that you have of someone who seemed to live life simply and to the fullest. Love Diane Pappas



DIANE PAPPAS - January 30, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 23, 2019 at 04:17 PM

WC

“ I greatly admire Charles Richard Clarke, my Uncle, my deceased Dad's younger brother, who my Dad greatly admired. Uncle Dick was a joy and pleasure to be with. He was a bright light. He always seemed to have the right combination of gentlemanliness and intelligence complemented by his sharp “ Georgia Tech “ engineering mind. A great sense of humor. Great wit. When he spoke I couldn't help but listen with my full attention. My attention being strongest listening to his great stories from experiences he had while serving in the Navy and from his career in the NASA Space Programs. Really great stuff. To me his narratives better than a documentary. My Uncle Dick , one can very well say, had the “Right Stuff”. He certainly made our whole Clarke family clan better stuff. From all my family, with great love, respect and fondness, Thank you Uncle Dick and Aunt Jo. I certainly Thank THE LORD for Uncle Dick and Aunt Jo. You both have been a real blessing to all. May the Lord love and Bless my Uncle Dick and Aunt Jo. May the Lord Love and Bless Cousin Becky, Richard and Terri and Tom and Laurie and their wonderful families. Sincerely, Will. -----

will clarke - January 22, 2019 at 01:28 PM

SC

“ Aunt Jo, Becky, Richard and Tom:

*I loved my Uncle Dick (as he was known to the Clarke family) so much and enjoyed every moment I was privileged to spend with him and your family. He will always remain dear to my heart.*

*My prayers are with you all as you go through this sad time. Please know that I love y'all very much and am standing by to offer anything you may need.*

*With love abounding,  
Sue*

Susan Muzio Conner - January 22, 2019 at 01:28 PM

BC

“ *Bob (Spencer) and Barbara Clarke purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Charles Richard Clarke.*



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**Bob (Spencer) and Barbara Clarke** - January 22, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Clarke.*



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January 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Clarke.*



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January 22, 2019 at 09:50 AM