



Charles D. Garner, Jr.

September 26, 1944 - April 12, 2025

Mr. Charles Dana Garner, Jr., 80, of Newnan, formerly of Huntsville, AL, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Wesley Woods of Newnan. He was born September 26, 1944 in Newnan, GA to the late Charles D. (Bill) Garner Sr. and Cathryn Mozley Garner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Phillip Lee Garner.

Charles (Charlie) grew up in Newnan, GA and was a 1962 graduate of Newnan High School. He was a member of the Boys Scouts of America where he earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He was a proud graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology where he received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree in 1967. After college, he began his career at Teledyne Brown Engineering where he spent most of his eight year tenure developing computer models and performing thermal analysis of the Apollo Telescope Mount for the Apollo/Skylab program. He then worked two years with Planning Research designing the Shuttle Liquid Hydrogen ground system for loading the External Tank. In 1977, he began working for Martin Marietta at Kennedy Space Center, serving in numerous capacities with Space Systems, followed by two years at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA and three years at Michoud Operations Advance Programs. He finished his career with over 16 years at Marshall Spaceflight Center as Director of Lockheed Martin's Huntsville Operations. His engineering career spanned over 42 years with countless

awards, recognitions, accomplishments, and accolades from NASA. He retired in 2009, and in 2017 moved back to Newnan, GA.

The funeral is Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 2:00 o'clock at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 with Rev. Tom Mozley officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The visitation will be Wednesday, prior to the service, starting at 1:00 o'clock at McKoon Funeral Home.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include brother, Roy Mozley Garner of Newnan; Sister-in-law Beverly S. Garner of Newnan; Nephews, David Garner (Tammy) of Newnan, Scott Garner (Jennifer) of Oklahoma City, OK, Seth Garner (Lara) of Willard, UT; Niece, Dana Garner Chapman (Greg) of Dawsonville, GA; Great Nieces, Hillary Garner Keene (Dylan) of Newnan, Abbey Garner of Newnan, Elizabeth Cooper of Willard, UT, Beklee Chapman of Dawsonville, GA; Great Nephews Owen Garner of Wichita, KS, Corbin Chapman of Dawsonville, GA, Huxton Chapman of Dawsonville, GA; and his Great-Great Niece and Nephew.

Special thanks to the staff and employees at Wesley Woods of Newnan. The family will always have deep gratitude for their support and loving care.

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

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

APR 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Charles D. Garner, Jr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - April 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BS

“ *Roy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the Garners. Carolyn and Brad Sers*

Brad Sears - April 23, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles D. Garner, Jr..*

April 16, 2025 at 04:29 AM

GP

“ *Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Charles D. Garner, Jr.*



Gerrie Petty - April 15, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JD

*So long, Charles, my long-time friend,
Once we were "best friends", growing up as classmates from Maggie Brown Primary through Newnan High. I remember walking home with you when we were nine (born 12 days apart in 1944) and getting an outside- school "life lesson":seeing your newborn baby brother Roy for the first time.*

We were still nine when we camped out at my family's pond 5 miles west of town. So we had camping down when we joined Troop 41 together at First Methodist Church in October 1955. We started Scout Camp Thunder in summer '56, and we later-again together- served several years on the camp staff.

When we were home from college, we had long phone calls reminiscing about our adventures at Thunder. Years later (early 70's) my wife Sue and I visited you in Huntsville, and we still met occasionally after I moved back to Newnan. Remember our photo-booth picture taken at a high school reunion in Peachtree City?

I think that was the last time I saw you in person; my last phone call to you was in 2017, around the time you moved back to Newnan (I was living in St. Pete by then). After that call, crickets from both of us until I saw your obit in the Herald, online here in Savannah.

So I'll say goodbye, Charles- may your camping days resume in peace and eternal rest.

*Your lifelong friend,
Jan Davis*

JANNAR William DAVIS - April 16, 2025 at 04:15 AM

JD

That grove of 3 memorial trees should be a shady camping spot--Jan

JANNAR William DAVIS - April 16, 2025 at 04:36 AM

CA

Rest in Peace dear Charlie. I shall miss talking to you on the phone. We both joined Martin Marietta about the same time (1977) and spent many hours as we prepared our related systems for Shuttle launch. We shared a stint at Vandenberg and enjoyed many lunch conversations at MSFC (Huntsville) toward the end of our careers. My last phone conversation with you was in the Fall of 2024, when you were at the facility in Newnan. You were struggling with voice issues-but still able to laugh when our conversations of past experiences brought back fond memories. I'm so sorry now that I didn't make it up there to visit you as I had hoped. God bless you my friend. You were one of the good guys. Clive Arlington

Clive A. Arlington - April 17, 2025 at 03:22 PM