



Charles Irvin Kennedy

October 20, 1932 - July 17, 2020

Charles Irvin Kennedy, age 87, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020 at Piedmont Fayette Hospital. He was born on October 20, 1932 in Heflin, AL to the late Charles A. Kennedy and Pearl Edwards Kennedy.

Along with his parents, Charles is preceded in death by his older brother and older sister. He is survived by children, David Kennedy and his wife Angela, Gary Kennedy and his wife Linda; grandchildren, Alex Kennedy and his wife Andrea and Grant Kennedy.

The memorial service celebrating the life Charles lived is Monday, July 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. Charles will be buried at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery in Fort Mitchell, AL. Charles served his country in the United States Army from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1954. Charles was a veteran of the Korean War.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Charles name to Coweta Veterans Club Inc., P.O. 71066, Newnan, GA 30271. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Fort Mitchell National Cemetery

553 Old Seale Hwy
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

Previous Events

Service

JUL 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Charles Irvin Kennedy*



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McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 20, 2020 at 03:22 PM

VP

“ I have many memories of my Uncle Charles over the years. One about the gardens- when I started a large garden years ago, he brought me an okra pod from my grandparents garden so I could grow the same great okra in my own garden. How thoughtful! Great okra, by the way! Also, he traveled to Alaska with my dad (his older brother, Cranston. They had a long trip, but a great time, but such a long trip in a camper. We have some good photos from that trip.

Also, he and Bill Fraser and my Mother and I all worked together to research our family Kennedy history. I loved working with Uncle Charles about that!

He was a supportive uncle and brother to my Dad and my Mother through all the years.

I have some wonderful photos of his trips to Europe with my parents as well- some of my very favorites of him. He was a good man, Good cook! (great corn salad), a good gardener, businessman, family man, Veteran, and very smart. From his brother's family, we shall all miss him very much.

Valerie Kennedy Pailloz

Valerie Pailloz - July 22, 2020 at 12:27 PM

TB

“ Mr. Kennedy was a wonderful man and neighbor! He was kind, interesting, giving, wise, funny, and caring. He was very proud of his service in the military and we thank him for that service and sacrifice. We will miss him! Prayers for his family. Shell and Teresa Barr

Teresa Barr - July 20, 2020 at 05:02 PM

EB

“ Prayers for Mr. Charles and his family ,R.I.P Mr . Charles !!

Edwin Byars - July 20, 2020 at 02:33 PM

SG

“ There is a class of about 50 SilverSneakers at BodyPlex Sharpsburg who will miss Mr Charles greatly! He was such a kind soul and quick to tell a funny joke or meaningful life lesson. As his instructor in that class for the past several years I admit he was definitely one of my favorites! I loved hearing his stories and enjoyed eating his pies every Christmas. I was also blessed with pepper jelly numerous times. Being the chicken farmer he was when my youngest decided he wanted chickens Mr Charles gave us a coop he had built himself. I could go on.... Please know he was treasured as a friend to us and he will be missed.

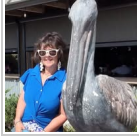
Sandy Granade - July 20, 2020 at 01:47 PM

JB

“ Charles was so much more than a fellow veteran and a friend to me. He was a family member so perfectly that I love as he was my own father. His kind soul always put me at ease and filled me with patience and understanding for not only others in my life but for my own mistakes and short comings. He always reminded me of the type of human being that I want to be. He always had time for a friend, or advice for a stranger, or a helping hand to anyone who needed it. I truly feel as if this world has lost a light that shone so bright for so long that it will burn forever in me and those who loved him. This is only farewell and never goodbye. I will see you on the other side, my friend, and will tell you how much I love and have miss you.



Joey Bellows - July 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM



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Angela Kennedy - July 19, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *American Legion Post 57, Newnan Ga. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Irvin Kennedy.*



American Legion Post 57, Newnan Ga. - July 19, 2020 at 05:39 PM

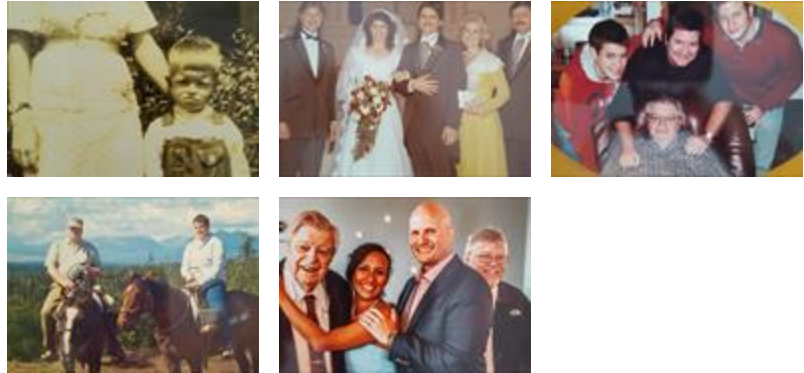


“ *A funny memory about my uncle Charles Irvin is that at his parents house he seemed to like to put CIK everywhere. The largest one was on the barn just back of the house. He had put up what looked like a barrel hoop for a ball goal and painted a large box around it like a backboard. Inside the box was CIK in large letters. I have many fond memories of Charles Irvin, as his sister called him (my mom). The families of his two siblings and his family would meet at his parents house in Heflin for delicious meals and play in the yard. Our family made many trips to Atlanta to spend the night at his house. I always looked forward to any visit with him and his family.*

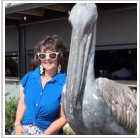
Cindy Mange Brookshire - July 19, 2020 at 04:59 PM

GK

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Gary Kennedy - July 19, 2020 at 11:18 AM



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Angela Kennedy - July 18, 2020 at 04:59 PM

AK

“ Charles Kennedy, or "Papa" as me and my brother always knew him, was many things in his life: father, friend, businessman, veteran, etc... But among the many roles he played the role I knew him best for was that of a caring and supportive grandfather. I wanted to share some of my fondest memories of my Papa.

As he may have told some of you, my grandfather took both my brother and myself on quite the epic trips to Alaska (a separate one for each of us). He took me for the summer when I was in high-school. We drove from Newnan, GA to Homer, AK. To accompany us was the extremely high energy and appropriately named "Izzy" the rat terrier. Not many people would trust a teenager with a newly minted drivers license to drive a truck pulling a 20' camper through the Badlands of North Dakota with 60 mph crosswinds blowing or on narrow Alaskan roads where bull-moose larger than the truck were liable to jump out in front of you (and did), but my Papa trusted me to do it; under his close supervision of course. We went fishing for Halibut and we both caught 100+ lb.fish. You've seen the Forest Gump scene about the many ways to cook shrimp... Well, that was my experience the entire way home from Alaska. We saw many of the natural wonders this Continent has to offer, Denali, Glacier National Park, The Tetons, the Canadian Rockies. Land between the Lakes KY and so much more. We visited Mt. Rushmore, the North Pole, Gateway Arch, Wall Drug and many, many Wal-Marts. I'll never forget the look of terror mixed with confusion on the face on the Wal-Mart employee in the middle of nowhere Montana when after 10 minutes of Papa heatedly explaining what "shower clacks" were I walked up and quickly realized he was just looking for some flip-flops.

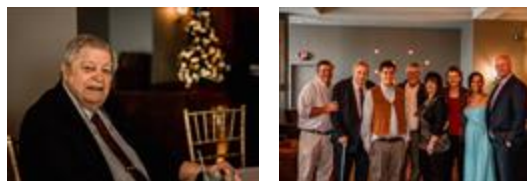
Growing up I'd often spend the night with Papa, he would basically let me do whatever I wanted (within reason), so naturally I enjoyed going over there to spend time with him. He certainly didn't let his guests go hungry. He always made the biggest and best breakfast. Enough bacon, eggs, toast and OJ to feed a platoon. For dinner, fried okra, fried green tomatoes, pot roast, and other vegetables

from his garden (usually swimming in butter). I remember helping him pick vegetables and apples from the garden he had behind his real-estate office when I was small and he cooked them up for dinner. On some occasions during the summer we would make home made strawberry ice cream. Oh, and I know I don't have to tell anyone that knew him well how good his pies were! Even if someone came with a surprise visit he had his patented "dump cake" at the ready.

From when I was young until the last time I spoke to him on my birthday Thursday he would share stories and advice about life, love and business. Much of the advice was good and I was happy I followed it, some I wish I had followed looking back and some I'm glad I didn't haha. "The best way to learn is by doing," he would say. That is an axiom I live by today. I learned so much going on that trip and growing up with my Papa and have way to many good memories and stories to share here. My grandfather cared about his family, friends, community and the American Legion where he made many contributions and leaves behind many friends and I know we all feel his loss deeply. I am so glad and honored that I got to have him as my Papa and I'll always remember him fondly and try to live up the the great example he set.

I love you Papa

-Alex



Alex Kennedy - July 18, 2020 at 03:58 PM

BF

Alex - Wonderful stories about you and Papa. I've heard him tell me about many of those trips and how happy it made him to be spending that quality time with you, Grant or his brother Cran, etc. The trips with you and Grant were the ones that he told many times.

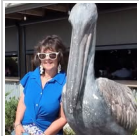
Bill Fraser - July 18, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Irvin Kennedy.*



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Angela Kennedy - July 18, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BF

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Bill Fraser - July 18, 2020 at 02:35 PM

MS

“ Charles was our neighbor for the past 22 years or so, and a good neighbor! Spent a many a hour standing by the fence or in his living room talking to him, always had a story about his childhood, service, or the many many jobs he had over his life time, a very accomplished man. He never failed to have a really nice small garden in his back yard and always ready to share the fruits of his labor. He is going to be missed!!

Mike and Laura Sondey

michael f sondey - July 18, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RG

“ Words can not express what Charles Kennedy meant to me. He was my friend from the time I was 13, and at the age of 30, I went to work for him at Kennedy Realty managing the office and selling real estate. Charles always had a big garden out behind the office, and he would say when things would get slow, "Well, we might not sell many houses, but we are still going to eat good". Even now, he would always call me when he was cooking squash because we used to pick it out of the garden and stew it down with butter and onions at the office.

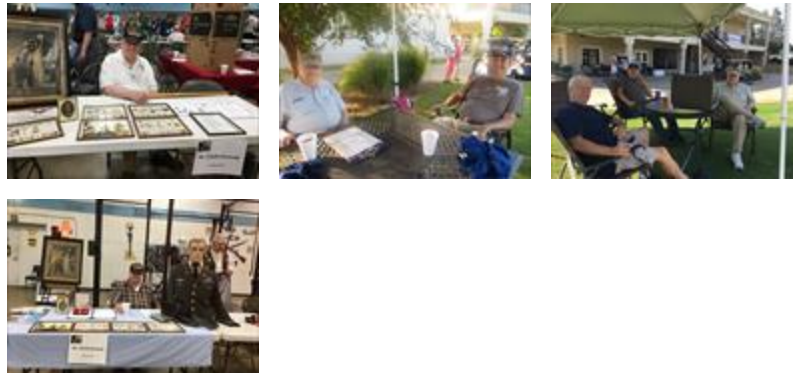
I am sure going to miss him. I loved him so much!

Becky Gardner

Rebecca Gardner - July 18, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JA

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Janet Alford - July 18, 2020 at 10:44 AM

RG

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Rebecca Gardner - July 18, 2020 at 10:36 AM

DG

My deepest sympathy to the family. Mr Charles as he was known by many was the kindest sweetest person I know. He was always ready to share a story, a recipe, pecan pie or Brunswick stew. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Mr Charles. Prayers to his family for their loss



Debbie Grote - July 18, 2020 at 03:19 PM