



## Charles Earl McPherson

May 27, 1932 - October 26, 2015

Mr. Charles "Charlie" Earl McPherson Jr, 83, of Newnan, GA, passed away Monday, October 26, 2016 at his home Bridlewood Farm. He was born on May 27, 1932 in Birmingham, AL to the late Charles Earl McPherson Sr & Pearl Reynolds McPherson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" DeWitt of Newnan, GA.

Charlie grew up in Jacksonville, FL and was a 1950 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. Upon graduation he attended the Florida State University and played center for the Seminoles. At FSU, Charlie was also a proud member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. In 1952 he joined the United States Naval Cadet Program in Pensacola, FL and upon graduation entered the United States Marine Corps as Marine pilot. After serving the USMC for several years based in Cherry Point, NC; El Toro, CA; Atsugi, JP he retired as a Captain from the military and went to begin a career with Eastern Airlines. Charlie worked as an airline captain with Eastern for over 30 years and retired in 1989 on the L1011.

Charlie's accomplishments include: an awarded Eagle Scout; a championship high school football player; played in the Cigar Bowl with the Florida State Seminoles; Captain of the first trans Pacific flight on a Lockheed GV-1 Hercules; raised world champion Morgan Horses at his farm, Bridlewood; President of the American Morgan Horse Association.

The Celebration of Charlie's Life is Sunday November 1, 2016 at 2:00 o'clock at Vinewood Plantation, 1324 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.com](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.com)

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

Survivors include wife, Shirley "Sam" Anne McPherson of Newnan; sons Charles Earl McPherson III and wife Dawn of Apex, NC, Jamie Elliott McPherson and spouse Tra Raines of Newnan, GA; grandchildren, Charles Hill McPherson and Cole Reynolds McPherson of Apex, NC.  
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
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# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM.  
Vinewood Plantation

## Visitation

NOV 1.  
Vinewood Plantation

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May these words found in the Bible at Revelation 21:4 bring you hope and comfort at this difficult time. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

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**Mary** - November 29, 2015 at 10:39 PM

VS

“ I want to offer my condolences to the McPherson family. It is a painful thing to loose a love one in death, regardless of how long they have lived, and it pains our Creator, too. He has promised to bring back to life our love one at Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will live. My corpse will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully you residents in the dust!...the earth will let those powerless in death come to life" I hope these words give you comfort.

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**VScott** - November 16, 2015 at 11:31 AM

AB

“ Oh my goodness. This breaks my heart. Charles was such a sweet gentlemen. I came to know him when Charles and my Dad were good friends at the rehab and somehow we lost contact when my dad was readmitted to the hospital. Many times I have searched is name in hopes to locate him to check on how he was doing and maybe Dad and him could reconnect. However today I found this sad news. Big hugs to his sweet wife Sam and his family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Angie Brigman** - November 12, 2015 at 04:40 PM

BF

“ Sending our deepest sympathy for Charlie's passing. My God's grace and blessings be with you today and always.

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**Bil and Mary Fowler** - November 01, 2015 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ My heart is so saddened today as I realize my friend, fatherly figure, teacher and bud will no longer be just a few miles away. However he has earned his third set of wings and I know he is watching down from heaven where he is no longer in pain. Both Bob and I have known you for twenty years and we are both blessed to always have you in our heart and soul as one of if not our dearest friend this life has to offer. To Sam, Jamie, and Chuck and all the extended family we are so overwhelmingly saddened for you loss.

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**Denise Bissell** - November 01, 2015 at 11:59 AM

FR

“ Dear Shirley & Family, I am so deeply saddened to hear about Charlie. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. We were so fortunate to have had so many special times together. Others have never experienced the joy of such a wonderful friendship! All my love from your forever friend, Fran

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**Fran Rand** - November 01, 2015 at 11:23 AM

CK

“ We are so saddened by the loss of such a dear friend of our family. We are blessed with wonderful memories that we hold deep in our hearts. It takes a special person to be a lifelong friend and Charlie possessed all the qualities to be such a wonderful friend of my Dad and our family...a gentle, kind spirit. Captain Charlie McPherson you earned your "forever wings."

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**Colleen & Alan Karanovich** - November 01, 2015 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ great memories of you and Shirley in the marine corps and esstern. when you were sent japan with the marine corps, you told Shirley you were going across the pond. I know Shirley and the boys will meet you across the pond one day!! mary lou stone

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**mary lou stone** - November 01, 2015 at 08:10 AM

JB

“ So long, old friend. We have had a thousand adventures over the years and it was a ball just knowing you. When we first became room mates 57 years ago it was the beginning of some of the greatest events of our lives. You knew how to live large, Charlie, and the will be a void in my life that will be difficult, if not impossible to fill. May your last flight be smooth with favorable winds and sunny skies. May you enjoy the eternal layover. Save a seat at the bar for me! Semper Fi, Marine!

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**Jane & Dick Borrelli** - October 31, 2015 at 03:27 PM

BG

“ My sympathy and prayers for the Charlie McPherson Family. What wonderful memories of great times together. We often forget how much the Newnan gang did to put champion Morgan Horses on the map. miss seeing you all. fondly, barb goda

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**barbara goda** - October 30, 2015 at 08:09 PM

RM

“ To Shirley, Chuck, Jamie and Family, We are sadden to hear about Charlie he was always a special friend to us, a gentleman in every way. God Bless you all

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**Ray & Julianne McKnight** - October 30, 2015 at 12:51 PM

DF

“ Sam and Family, I am so saddened by hearing of Charlie's passing. He was always so sweet when he came to Imprint to see us. I pray that peace be with you all in the coming days.

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**Donna Fargason** - October 30, 2015 at 07:40 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry to read that Charlie gained his second set of wings. My thoughts and prayers are with Sam and her entire family...Charlie will be missed. Sincerely, Debbie Glover

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**Debbie/Richard Glover** - October 28, 2015 at 11:59 AM

BJ

“ Sending my love and concern to Charlies family. So sorry to hear of Charlies passing. I only got to know Charlie for a short time but i fell in love with him right away. He welcomed me into his home and made me feel as though i had known him for years. A good man has been lost. I will always think fondly of him. I know the next few days will be difficult but know that the family is being held up in my prayers. I love you all.

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**B.J. Jones** - October 27, 2015 at 10:58 PM

BH

“ I was so sad to hear the sad news that Charles passed away, whilst I did not know him for many years I still feel very honoured to have had him pass through my life, I was welcomed into his home like a family member and warmed to him instantly, it soon became evident he was a true gentleman, my heart goes out to his wife Shirley and there family. I will remember him with great fondness. May you rest peacefully dear friend.

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**Barbara Hunt** - October 27, 2015 at 04:46 PM

BP

“ I always loved to hear about the adventures that Charlie had in the Marine Corp and he and Shirley had with Eastern Airlines. They were always two of my favorite family members by marriage! He was a wonderful man and I was very fortunate to have accumulated many hours of visits with him. I'm sure he is dancing on the streets in Heaven now! Prayers and blessings to his family and friends that he left...Love you all...

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**Bettye C. Pennington** - October 27, 2015 at 03:19 PM

FF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charlie. He was a wonderful person. He was always so nice to me. A friend to everyone he met. My prayers are with Sam and all the family during this difficult time.

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**FRANK FARMER** - October 27, 2015 at 02:15 PM

ED

“ I have lost my best friend and the only "brother" that I have ever been blessed to have. I met Charlie when I was dating his sister, my beloved wife of 63 years. I watched him become a very fine man and gentleman in his own right from from about 15 years of age. I was one of the first to be told about his decision to leave FSU and go into the NAVCAD program to become a Naval Aviator. We have remained close, as brothers should, Betty and I came to visit he and Shirley at their new home In Newnan, fell in love with the area and upon my retirement from the Army settled here also. With his passing the world and certainly this family has lost a wonderful man and anyone that knew him was blessed to have done so. May he rest in peace and may God bless his family.

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**Eirvin M DeWitt** - October 27, 2015 at 02:11 PM