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Charles Edward Wiggins, 84, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025. Born on July 19, 1940, in Twin City, Georgia, Charles was the beloved son of Elzie and Emmie Fulmer Wiggins.

Charles served his country in the United States Army and was proud of his time in the military. After his service, he became a dedicated and respected manager, first at Kessler's Department Store in both Atlanta and Newnan, and later at Big Lots in LaGrange, where he worked until his retirement. Known for his tireless work ethic, Charles was one of the hardest-working men his family and friends had ever known.

A kind-hearted, generous, and upbeat man, Charles touched the lives of everyone he met. He never hesitated to lend a hand to those in need and found joy in simple things-working in his yard, tending his garden, and always having a project in progress. He deeply loved his family, including his extended family and many friends, and was a constant source of strength and positivity.

Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Joann Wiggins; his stepson, Michael Youngblood; his brothers, Lewis, Buddy, and J.T. Wiggins; and his

sisters, Ruby Davis, Essie Mae Brogdon, and Betty Ellison.

He is survived by his devoted stepson, Donald Youngblood (Valerie), his daughter, Lisa Schulz, and his cherished grandchildren: Dillon and Dalton Youngblood, Adam and Tyler Brennan, and Jessica Stamm (Jeff). He also leaves behind three adored great-grandchildren: Palmer James Youngblood, Everleigh Rose Youngblood, and Hudson Russell Stamm. Charles is also survived by his sisters, Mary Johnson and Louise Neal, and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Melanie Youngblood, Paul Willis, Rev. Ken Norton, Cynthia Calhoun, and Ally Bennett for their love and support during this time.

A celebration of Charles's life will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM, officiated by Dr. Ken Norton. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

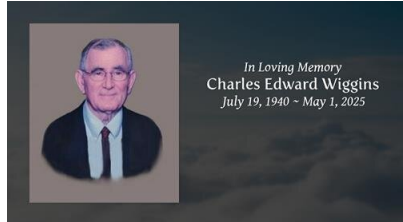
MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Edward Wiggins*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 05, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Charles Edward Wiggins*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 05, 2025 at 10:22 AM

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I always called him "uncle Charles" because that is what my parents referred to him as. My daddy was his younger brother and when they got together there was a whole lot of back and forth laughing and talking about fishing. When I was a little older Lisa who of course was his daughter was one of best friends. Would strange spending the weekend with each other slumber party fun girl stuff

One summer Lisa asked if I could come with her to stay with her daddy and Joanne the couple of weeks that she spent with them in Newnan every summer. They thought that was a good idea so that she wouldn't get bored being alone. They're by herself sometime.

I want to tell you he and Aunt Joanne treated us like little princesses. They took us shopping, made sure that we had something fun to do, cooked awesome meals part of which usually included the best zucchini bread but you have ever eaten in your life and I haven't found any that tastes the same as what she made.

Through The years as we continued the tradition of visiting in Newnan, I grew very close to and Aunt Joann. It was almost like I considered him very close to a second daddy because that's the way he treated me when I was there and whenever he saw me at family reunions or just meetings in towns or whatever. We created a bond and I loved him very much. That smile and that laugh was very contagious. I will miss seeing him. I will definitely miss the big bear hugs. If nothing else we "Wiggins" are big huggers. Fly high Uncle and tell Mama and Daddy I love them and give each a big bear hug from me.

Angie Howell - May 05, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ Sue Caylor lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Wiggins



Sue Caylor - May 05, 2025 at 11:15 AM

LB

“ I worked for Mr. Wiggins, at Kessler's, while I was in college. He was a sweetheart of a boss and very patient and fair with me which endeared him to me. He was a good man and he will be missed.

Lolita Brim - May 05, 2025 at 09:27 AM

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“ I met Charlie when he came to Newnan in 1977 to manage Kessler's Department store on the court square. I had been there a couple of years working in the stockroom and toy department while I was in high school. I knew right away that he was special. This was the start of our friendship which lasted the next 48 years. As a young man just starting out in the business world, I had the honor and privilege of working as his assistant in the Newnan store for several years. When I took my first full charge assignment as a store manager in another location, Charlie was instrumental in giving his recommendation for that advancement opportunity. The camaraderie that we shared through the years, in both our work and personal relationship, was more precious to me than I can put into words. One of the most valuable things that he taught me in business and in life was the importance of treating people with dignity and respect, even in situations where that person may not have earned it. As a boss, he could get onto employees when necessary, and yet, they would come away from the conversation inspired, rather than dejected and feeling down on themselves. You would have to search long and hard to find anyone that ever worked with Mr. Wiggins who did not genuinely respect him. In my 50 years in the retail business, I can say with conviction that I never worked with a harder working man than Charles Wiggins. He taught me how to tie a proper tie when I was 18 years old and I still tie every knot the way he taught me. He also taught me how to shake hands, and believe me, when Charlie shook your hand, you knew you had shook hands with someone that grew up on a farm! Charlie was a connecting point with all aspects of my life. He was there to mentor me from the time that I was a teenager throughout the years as I was growing professionally and personally. He gave very sound advice, but he was also truly a great listener.

He was the epitome of positivity and you left every conversation with him feeling better than before.

I have so many good memories to cherish with our friendship, but the single thing that I admired and respected about him the most was his unwavering love and devotion for Joann and the way he unselfishly put her care and happiness ahead of everything else. That says more about the person that he was than any well meaning words could ever say.

I am grateful that Joann's family also became Charlie's family and I know that he loved and appreciated all of you very much.

Charlie Wiggins was one of the good ones and he will be missed by many.

My prayers are with each of you as you deal with the loss of someone that will never be replaced in your hearts, but we should all find comfort in knowing that he is rejoicing with Joann and the rest of his heavenly family and friends who welcomed him home with open arms Thursday afternoon.

We can't help but to be sad for our loss, but he is feeling nothing but joy today!

Mike Brown - May 05, 2025 at 12:42 AM

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“ *My mother Nettie Brooks worked for him at Kessler's. She loved him so! He was a wonderful boss.... He was so good to her.*

Nancy Williamson - May 04, 2025 at 12:16 PM