



## Clarence Lemuel Estes

June 11, 1931 - April 28, 2018

### CLARENCE ESTES

Clarence Lemuel Estes, 86, of Newnan, GA passed away peacefully, Saturday April 28, 2018, surrounded by family.

He was born in Lagrange, GA on June 11, 1931 to Lloyd and Evelyn Estes, one of seven children. He graduated from Jordan High School in Columbus, GA in the spring of 1950. Soon after graduating high school, Clarence would begin what would become a lifelong career at Georgia Power Co. Later that summer, he married his sweetheart, Virginia Cass, also of Columbus.

In 1951, destiny was set when the couple relocated to Newnan, GA when he was offered a position at Georgia Power's Plant Yates. It was the fertile soil of Newnan where their roots took hold and became the birthplace of their four children throughout the 1950's. A diligent, hard worker, Clarence set out providing for his family and thrived where he was planted. Many years he worked night shifts and yet still found time for side work in automotive repair. Being mechanically inclined, inventive and industrious, it was said of him that he could fix anything.

In 1972, a job relocation moved the family to Cartersville where Clarence worked at Plant Bowen. Approximately 18 months later the family returned

Newnan, the home their hearts never left. Not long after returning, they found the true meaning of home from the outpouring of support from their friends, family and church when they lost their youngest son (Robin) to cancer.

Clarence and Virginia found faith in each other and their Lord and found new joy and pride as they embraced and nurtured the arrival of new grandchildren. He became endearingly known as “Papa”, by which he was named and called by all his children and grandchildren alike.

In 1990, after 40 years of loyal service, Clarence retired from his work at Georgia Power. Explorers at heart, this new freedom afforded him and Virginia the opportunity to travel and cruise and see many places they dreamed of going. Travel was great, but his real love was his family. He dedicated these golden years unselfishly giving himself to his children and grandchildren. Additionally, he served his community through the Kiwanis Golden K Club and supported many of their programs and was a mentor in their student mentoring program.

In 2015, the Estes moved to St. Simons Island, GA, following a move by their daughter a few years earlier. He quickly endeared himself to the staff of Marshes Edge. The staff soon discovered his quick wit and mischievousness, keeping things on the light side. Clarence loved people and his values were rooted in his faith. He was one to treat everyone fairly. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Newnan. He was dearly loved by his family and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Virginia Cass Estes, 3 children, Denny Estes (Johnsie)/Newnan, Cheryl Morgan (Steve)/Atlanta, and Melanie Hatcher (Ed)/St. Simons Island, 4 grandchildren, Nicole Anderson (Yates), Robin Blake (Dwight), Melissa Barry (Trey), and Emory Hatcher III and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his youngest son; Robin Estes.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, on Saturday May 5, at 11:00 AM with Dr. Gene Tyre officiating. Private burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home and immediately following the service on Saturday at the Major Long House located at 21 Lagrange Street, Newnan.

For online condolences please visit [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of the family.  
God bless. Love, Delilah Meadows

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**Delilah Meadows** - May 11, 2018 at 06:25 PM

DC

“ So sorry to hear Uncle Clarence passed away. Sending lot of  
prayer.

*John & Diane Crimmel*

*Brian, Jessica, Gabe Gavin & Xander Crimmel*

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**Diane Crimmel** - May 04, 2018 at 06:01 PM

NJ

“ To one of the finest men I know, other than my Dad (Bill Lyles), he  
was a great friend, along with Miss Virginia to my parents. He will be  
missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Nancy Jackson*

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**Nancy Jackson** - May 04, 2018 at 04:24 PM

MY

“ My prayers to the Estes Family. So sorry to hear of Mr. Clarence's  
passing. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead.  
*Mike Yeager*

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**Mike Yeager** - May 04, 2018 at 09:43 AM

LU

“ Love, Your Work Family at PPG Urology purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Clarence Lemuel Estes.



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**Love, Your Work Family at PPG Urology** - May 02, 2018 at 05:37 PM

VC

“ Virginia, and extended family. time has surely flown by since our many shared memories. You were such treasured friends and neighbors to us and all our family. Please know our prayers will be with you at this sad loss of Clarence. Blessings to you in the coming time of grief and adjustment to life . We love you and all the family. God bless you each.  
Virginia and Ray Cox

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**Virginia and Ray Cox** - May 01, 2018 at 09:43 PM


JW

“ Thinking of you at this time of loss. May your many loving memories comfort you and give you some peace knowing he is safely home.  
With sympathy, Jane White and Family



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**Jane White** - May 01, 2018 at 06:35 PM

  
Stephen  
Dunman

“ *My Great Uncle Clarence may you rest in peace. Thank you for all the memories at the family reunions and my mom told of her memory of learning to drive Mr. Cass boat and climbing the tree in the front yard I also remember climbing the same tree also as a child and helping me earn my whittling chip for cubscouts. Linda J. Newsome Dunman & Stephen E. Dunman*



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**Stephen Dunman** - May 01, 2018 at 05:19 PM

GP

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Estes. You are in our prayers during this time of loss.*

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**Gene Prince** - May 01, 2018 at 02:16 PM

FF

“ *My heart goes out to all of you during this time of loss. Praying for all the Estes family.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Frank M. Farmer*

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**FRANK M. FARMER** - May 01, 2018 at 09:18 AM