



Claude L. Vickers

August 8, 1943 - August 27, 2023

Claude Leon Vickers of Newnan, GA passed away on August 27, 2023.

Claude was born in Douglas, Georgia on August 8, 1943, the oldest of Conway and Myrtle Adams Vickers.

He married the love of his life, Cheryl Huey, on July 1, 1967, and they had one daughter, Candice.

He was a graduate of Coffee County High School in Douglas, Georgia in June 1961 and was a graduate of the University of Georgia in 1966 with a degree in accounting.

Immediately after graduating from the university, he began work with the State of Georgia Department of Revenue in June 1967. From then until his appointment as the Director of the Fiscal Division in 1981, he served in several positions in various agencies. Prior to Mr. Vickers' appointment to the position of Director of Fiscal Division of the Department of Administrative Services, he served as the Director of Accounting for the Department of Administrative Services. In this position, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the accounting system used by all state agencies from 1975 until 1999.

Mr. Vickers served as the Director of the Fiscal Division for the Georgia Department of Administrative Services for twelve years, a position that is comparable to the State Treasurer in other states. Mr. Vickers was appointed to this position by Governor George Busbee. In this position, Mr. Vickers was a member of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), where he

served in several positions including the Vice President of the Southern Region of the National State Treasurers Association.

Mr. Vickers was appointed State Auditor in November 1992 by Governor Zell Miller. As State Auditor, Mr. Vickers served on twenty-three boards and commissions including five of the state's largest retirement systems, the commission that issues all General Obligation Debt, and the commission that buys and sells all real property for the state. During his tenure as the State Auditor, he reorganized and set goals and objectives for the Department of Audits and Accounts to promote guidance and leadership in financial accountability in both state and local government. As State Auditor, Mr. Vickers was a member of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) where he served on the Executive Committee, the State Municipal Bond Committee and Resolutions Committee. In June 1999, Governor Roy Barnes, asked Mr. Vickers to take the position of Executive Director of Georgia Public Broadcasting, a fiscally dysfunctional organization. Mr. Vickers' charge was to "get a handle on the financial situation out there." Mr. Vickers retired on October 31, 2000, with thirty-five years of service to the State.

In his personal life, Mr. Vickers was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Newnan where he served on the finance committee, the administrative board, the youth council, and the transportation committee. As a member of the Newnan Lions Club, Mr. Vickers served as secretary, vice-president, and president. Mr. Vickers was a founding member of the Zoological Foundation of Georgia. As a member of the Zoo Atlanta, Mr. Vickers served on the government relations committee, the strategic planning committee, and the executive board. Mr. Vickers also served as the president of the Coweta County Central Middle School PTA in 1988-1989.

Mr. Vickers is survived by his wife, Cheryl Huey Vickers of Newnan, GA; his daughter, Candice and her husband, Kevin Bryant; two grandsons, Preston & Parker of Newnan, GA; his brother, Kenneth and his wife, Anne Vickers; his youngest brother, Marq and his Wife Sharon of Ambrose, Georgia; sister-in-

law, Elaine Neal of Whitsett, North Carolina; and many nephews and nieces. The memorial service is Friday, September 1, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Newnan First United Methodist Church with Rev. Connor Bell officiating. Following the service, the family will greet friends in the church parish hall. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St, Newnan, GA 30263, or the Patrons of the Centre Scholarship Fund, 1515 Lower Fayetteville Rd, Newnan, GA 30265.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

SEP 1. 11:45 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Parish Hall
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rachel Hucks lit a candle in memory of Claude L. Vickers



Rachel Hucks - September 15, 2023 at 12:57 AM

BC

“ Claude and I became friends when we were Freshmen in HS and remained friends for years. He always had a laugh and joke to share.

My deepest sympathy.
Robert "Bob" Cato

Bob cato - August 31, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Claude L. Vickers.



August 31, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claude L. Vickers.



August 30, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Claude L. Vickers.



August 30, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Remembering the first day we met at the Georgia Department of Revenue entering the Army about the same time. We both moved into our first home into the same neighborhood and used the same truck the same day. We all went skiing in Gatlinburg Tenn for the first time leaving blue spots from our new jeans all over the mountain. It was very special that you were the Godfather of my first born. Cheryl your in my thoughts and prayers
God Bless
Freddie Crenshaw

FREDDIE d CRENSHAW - August 30, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JJ

“ He would read his lawyer’s face and say, “Stop and smell the roses, John.” He would say, “You should go boar hunting.” He would recommend Texas Pete hot sauce in the old State Cafeteria. He had the trust of Georgia governors.

John B. Ballard Jr. - August 30, 2023 at 12:38 PM

HR

“ Helen Sears Regnery lit a candle in memory of Claude L. Vickers



Helen Sears Regnery - August 30, 2023 at 11:57 AM

HR

I was Claude's classmate throughout High School. I will always remember a young man that was kind, considerate, a wonderful classmate and fun to know. The last time I saw Claude was when a group of us met in Atlanta to revive our CCHS 1961 class reunions. Claude was still the person I remembered. I treasure my memories of high school and the few times I saw him after our graduation. My condolences to family, relatives, close friends and to others who knew him more casually. I am sending my heart felt sadness, yet there is a peacefulness in having known a wonderful man who truly lived his live. Helen Sears Regnery.

Helen Sears Regnery - August 30, 2023 at 01:11 PM

CS

“ Cousin Claude was a dear friend and mentor of mine for many years. Our families were very close and we continued our relationship when I served in the legislature as the Audits and journals chairman . It was nice to have family in a place of such an important position and to have his expert opinion and guidance in our Committee's attempt to do the right things in government. I always enjoyed our conversations and his poking fun at me in some of our dealings. I'll always remember a grand quail hunt we had here at my farm watching the dogs work and his great philosophy of life passed on to me.
It is with regret I can't attend the memorial service, for like the good folks at McCoons I am a funeral director with families to serve here in Douglas. But , as the day of his memorial starts I will have him and his family in my heart, for they are my family and I will miss him greatly
Chuck Sims

Chuck Sims - August 29, 2023 at 10:24 PM

RW

“ Mrs. Vickers,
I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. I know he was a wonderful man and you will miss him deeply. Thinking of you and Candace during this time and sending love and prayers.
Ruth Jones Warren

Ruth Warren - August 29, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Claude L. Vickers.



August 29, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JE

“ Cheryl, I am so sad. I still thought of Claude as a very distant cousin. Much love and many prayers. He was a very good man.

Joan Exner - August 28, 2023 at 06:19 PM

LF

“ Lisa Fitzpatrick.....Lowes lit a candle in memory of Claude L. Vickers



Lisa Fitzpatrick.....Lowes - August 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM

DB

Cheryl, we are so sorry about the loss of Claude. We know you, Candice, and the rest of the family will miss him terribly. I have sweet memories of him coming to my Civics/Economics classes! May God be with you during this time of loss!! Love, Donna and Bim

Donna Bellisle - August 29, 2023 at 05:18 PM

LO

“ We loved Mr. Claude and his laugh and smile will be so missed. His humor and sharp wit, always made our time together the best times. He was always a wealth of knowledge and he knew how to enjoy life and he truly lived his to the fullest. Our condolences to the family and to you Ms. Cheryl. We love you so and Candi knows that we are here for all of you. He will be so missed. Love, Angelo, Lisa & AJ Oliveira

Lisa Oliveira - August 28, 2023 at 04:26 PM

AM

Cheryl, I have thought about you, Claude, and Candi so much over the years. I remember fondly a fun time in Fernandina Beach, FL one summer. I enjoyed working with Claude at DOAS. I am from Coffee County too and we could relate about growing up in South Georgia. I will be praying for you and your family. Blessings to you. I lost Lee on June 30, 2021. It is hard but I know you have the faith to lean on Jesus.

Ann Marshall - August 29, 2023 at 01:15 PM

TC

“ We will always remember Claude as a genuinely kind and thoughtful man, a true friend. We will miss him. Cheryl and Candi, we pray for God's strength and comfort in the days ahead. God bless you.

Tommy and Sharlon

Tommy and Sharlon Cobb - August 28, 2023 at 03:29 PM

RM

“ Rita and I extend our sincere condolences to the Vickers Family. I very much enjoyed working with Claude during his years as State Auditor. His service was truly a benefit to the State. He was truly an intelligent, kind, fair, and humble person. He will missed by many people, including myself.. May God grant the family peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Rita and Ronnie Mesimer

Ronald A Mesimer - August 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM

CF

“ Claude's contributions to state government operations were manifold. He was a supreme leader, trusted colleague, sage advisor, and great friend during his long and distinguished career in state government. Beyond that, he was a moving force in creating, organizing and leading the Georgia State Retirees Association to advocate for over 50,000 retired state employees as its first president and in other leadership positions. I will miss him.

May his memory be a blessing and help ease your grief as time passes.

Chuck Freedman - August 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Claude L. Vickers



Gerrie Petty - August 28, 2023 at 02:26 PM