



## Colonel (Ret. US Army) Charles Harold Drexler

October 11, 1933 - August 6, 2020

Colonel (Retired, US Army) Charles Harold Drexler Sr, 86, passed away August 6, 2020 at his home in Newnan, GA. The son of the late George Henry and Martha Fletcher Drexler, he was born in Tifton, GA, October 11, 1933. After 30 years service in the US Army, Col Drexler retired to Tifton in 1983. For over 30 years he served as an elder and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Tifton and was a volunteer, President, and member of the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels. For several years he served as a member of the Tift County Planning and Zoning Board and as a member of the Tift County Board of Elections.

Col Drexler earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1954 from the University of North GA, Dahlonega, and his Masters Degree in Chemistry in 1964 from the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Highlights of his military career included:

Instructor and Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the US Military Academy, West Point, NY Branch Chief in the Headquarters of 1st Logistical Command in Vietnam

Nuclear, Chemical, Biological Branch Chief, 5th US Army, Ft Sheridan, IL

Commander NIKE Missile Battery, Washington DC

Commander 548 Supply and Service Battalion, Ft McClellan, AL

Commander 60th Ordnance Brigade, US Army Europe, Zweibrucken,  
Germany

Military Service Awards: Bronze Star (2), Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Service Medal (4 Campaigns), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Col. Drexler was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Sally Fiedler Drexler, brothers H Bennett Drexler, J Stanley Drexler, Albert M Drexler, P Gregory Drexler, sisters Rita E Drexler, Martha Hilda Drexler. Survivors include son, Charles H Drexler, Jr (Joan) of Lawrenceville, GA, daughters Jan Sewall (Les) of Newnan, GA and Amy Zauner of Newnan, GA, 9 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, brother, Mark C Drexler (Jan) of Calhoun, GA, sister-in-laws, Clarice (Ben), Shirley (Stanley), Wylene (Albert), Sandra (Greg), and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A joint Memorial Service for Charles and Sally Drexler will be held at 4pm Saturday, Aug 29 2020 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA, with Bishop David Epps officiating. The family will receive friends from 3pm to 4pm on Saturday at McKoon Funeral Home. The memorial service can be viewed online by going to [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com) and the link will be on Col. Drexler's memorial wall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

com. Interment for Charles and Sally Drexler will be Oct 27 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**AUG 29.** 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Colonel (Ret. US Army) Charles Harold Drexler*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - August 29, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Colonel (Ret. US Army) Charles Harold Drexler*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - August 21, 2020 at 09:33 AM

GG

“ Charley and Sally were close friends to Marilyn and me for all their years in Tifton. We have missed them since their move to Newnan. We spend many happy moments together both socially and in the First Presbyterian Church. They were very gracious hosts in their wonderful homes in Tifton. They knew how to entertain with much grace.

In our church, Charley served with great decorum and concern as an Elder, Trustee and constant keeper of the grounds and physical plant. Both Sally and Charley lived as we should hope to live.

As we miss them, we extend our sympathy to their family.

Gary and Marilyn Gascho

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**Gary Gascho** - August 29, 2020 at 03:59 PM



Thank you. They enjoyed getting the letters you sent them and deeply missed their friends in Tifton.

Amy

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**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:16 PM

RC

“ Dear Jan and Amy,  
It is a real privilege to have known Charlie and Sally Drexler. They were loved and cherished by First Presbyterian and the city of Tifton, and it was heart-breaking when we lost them to Newnan. Departing for them was extremely difficult and was only compensated through deep devotion for their family (an earmark of their Christian attributes).  
We pray that their many loving memories will help to comfort you and bring warmth to your hearts (yours and ours), and while we ponder the occasion of an unfortunate double loss within such close proximity we have to echo, trust and agree with what Charlie would have said - "God doesn't make mistakes".  
May God bless you real good and give you peace.  
Love  
Reg and LaVonne Chung

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**Reginald Chung** - August 28, 2020 at 04:32 PM

 Amy  
Zauner

Thank you! Mom & Dad enjoyed their years in Tifton and the friendships they had at First Presbyterian Church. They often spoke of you both, and yes it's very true -God doesn't make mistakes! Blessings and peace to you,  
Amy & Jan

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**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:20 PM

PS

“ Gene and I were back door neighbors of Charles and Sally When they lived on Sarah Drive in Tifton. They were wonderful neighbors and friends. Charles worked in their yard every day. He kept an immaculate yard and Sally kept an immaculate house. I have known Charles a very long time. We rode the same school bus to school and he and my sister, Linda, were friends in high school. We use to go over and visit them and sit on their beautiful sun porch and talk about old times. Sally would fill in at my bridge club from time to time. She was a great bridge player and always fun to be around. We were sad to see them leave Tifton but we knew it was for the best. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May our Heavenly Father give you comfort and peace. Gene and Pat Slack

Pat Slack - August 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM

 Amy Zauner

Thank you! They enjoyed having y'all as back door neighbors! Dad really missed his friends/neighbors and working in his yard when they left Tifton.  
Blessings to you,  
Amy

Amy Zauner - August 30, 2020 at 10:24 PM

DE

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family on the loss of your Dad and Grandfather. I know your parents are together again, holding hands, looking down on all of you. Much love.



Dawn Eflein - August 26, 2020 at 10:06 PM



*Thank you! We received your letter, and I was very touched by your fond remembrances of Mom & Dad. I'm sorry the timing of the memorial service didn't work for you to come, but I hope you'll watch it through the link above.*  
*Love, Amy*

**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:30 PM



*“ We enjoyed knowing Charlie and Sally when we lived in Tifton. Fred especially enjoyed playing bridge with Charlie in a men’s group.*

*Mary and Fred Harmon*

**Mary and Fred Harmon** - August 26, 2020 at 08:20 PM



*Thank you. Dad often talked fondly of his ongoing bridge get togethers!*  
*Amy*

**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:32 PM



*“ Prayers for Family from James and Charlotte Drexler family from Fitzgerald Georgia. James and George were brothers.*

**Grace Caldwell** - August 26, 2020 at 07:02 PM



*Thank you!*

**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

SP

“ *Jan,  
I saw this in the paper I am so sorry for the loss of your mom and dad.. I can't imagine how hard this must be.. praying for the peace that passes all understanding for you and all of your family.. blessings,  
Susan Perkins*

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**susan perkins** - August 25, 2020 at 10:27 PM

 Amy  
Zauner

*Thank you!*

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**Amy Zauner** - August 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

PC

“ *Pam Clemons lit a candle in memory of Colonel (Ret. US Army) Charles Harold Drexler*



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**Pam Clemons** - August 22, 2020 at 10:07 AM