



Darrell James Jackson

November 9, 1944 - April 17, 2011

Mr. Darrell James Jackson, age 66, of Newnan, Georgia, died at Piedmont Newnan Hospital on April 17, 2011. He was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on November 9, 1944, to the late J. C. Jackson and Iona McDonald Jackson. Darrell Jackson moved to Coweta County with his family before he was a year old and became a life-long resident of the Dresden Community. He graduated from Western High School in 1963 and went to work for Coweta-Fayette EMC, where he worked for 28 years as a line foreman. Mr. Jackson was a cornerstone figure of St. George Catholic Church, attending mass every week and taking much strength in his faith. Darrell will always be remembered as a colorful figure in his community, where he spent much of his time on his farm. He loved for friends, relatives and neighbors to visit, talk and benefit from his unique sense of humor and his vast skills as a repairman of all things mechanical. Former Atlanta Constitution columnist, Bob Harrell, once called Darrell, "the patron saint of all ignorant people in the community." He dearly loved his family, his farm and his longhorn cattle. He will be remembered as a gracious, polite man who always rose from his chair and removed his hat when a lady entered the room. He loved to draw pictures, collect humorous writings, and write poetry in which he captured special moments in the lives of family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Martha Smith Guiler. Surviving are his wife, Nelda Smith Jackson of Newnan; children Shannon and Tim Zerangue, Jennifer and Tim Masdon, Madonna and Kenneth

Overton, all of Newnan, and Jason and Charlotte Jackson of Tucson, Arizona. His grandchildren are Philip Barnette; Joshua, Hillary, and Walker Masdon; and Jackson, Sydney and Hope Overton. He is also survived by his brother Bruce Jackson and his wife Terri and nephew and niece Brent and Leigh Jackson; sister-in-law Cynthia and Andy Denny and niece Jessica and Eric Majka, and nephews Larry and Mark Railey, and niece Patricia and Dan Edmondson. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where the family will receive friends on Tuesday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The funeral mass will be celebrated by Father Austin Fogarty at St. George Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Nelda & Madonna, I'm so sorry to hear about Darrell. It's been a long time since I've seen or talked to any of you. Growing up he was like a Daddy that I never had. I loved him dearly. He was a great person with a great personality and sense of humor. He will be missed by many. If theirs anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask. Love you guys.*

Tina Mason - April 24, 2011 at 04:29 AM

BH

“ *Nelda, Bruce and family--all the formalities are over and I am sure Darrell is relieved and enjoying no pain in his new home. Heaven is delighted to have a Mr. Fix-It. Darrell will also be happy to discover his color blindness is gone. I never discovered this malady until he had wired my home and we were sitting in the attic and he asked, "What color is this wire?" When I recovered from fainting, Bruce expalined, ""that's why Darrell keeps me around." We will miss him but are so fortunate to have known him. Bob Harrell & Family*

bob harrell - April 21, 2011 at 10:37 PM

MM

“ *Dear Mrs. Nelda, Jennifer, Shannon, Madonna and Jason: I was talking with Mama today and she told me of Mr. Darrell's passing. I wanted to tell you all I am so very sorry for your loss. I haven't seen you all for many years, but still remember your family fondly. I will always remember how Mr. Darrell always had a smile on his face and he and Mrs. Nelda always laughing. May God be with you all in your time of sorrow. Love to you all, Melanie (Andrews) Moore PS- Now Paw Paw has someone to share his jokes with in Heaven.*

Melanie (Andrews) Moore - April 19, 2011 at 08:29 PM

EE

“ Dear Nelda and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Darrell's passing. He was a very good person and a dear friend to us. We thought the world of him. love, Ellen and Don

Ellen and Don Eisenbarth - April 19, 2011 at 08:22 PM

WW

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Darrell. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Know that God is our comfort and strenght. Blessings to you and your family during this tough time.

Wayne and Susan WEBB - April 19, 2011 at 07:11 PM

DL

“ Nelda & kids; my heart is breaking for you all. Anyone who knew Darrell couldn't help but to love him. I loved to see him coming because he was halarious, and could always put a big smile on your face. So as you remember him in your days to come, I know you will smile. May God continue to bless you all, as He did by loaning Darrell to you for a while.

Doris & Tommy Lassetter - April 19, 2011 at 05:17 PM

GW

“ Nelda, Bruce and Families...I am so sorry about your loss. Darrell was a very funny and dependable man. He was loved by many. I know that he will be missed. I pray God's Blessings on you during these coming days.

Gary Warren - April 19, 2011 at 05:06 PM

RH

“ Mrs. Jackson, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I am praying you will feel God's amazing love surrounding you today and the days to come. Rhonda Lowery Ruth Hill Family

Rhonda - April 19, 2011 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ I was so sorry when I heard about Darrell. He was a good friend and a good co-worker. I have thought of him often over the years with a lot of good memories. I know it's hard to loose a loved one but Jesus said I will never give you more than you can handle. Rember he is our comfort.

Larry (Ray) Beckom - April 19, 2011 at 11:20 AM

BB

“ Mrs. Jackson, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your husband have been in my prayers since I heard that he was sick. I always enjoy talking to you at school (Ruth Hill] while we are loading the buses. I pray that you'll find strength and perfect peace in the love of our Lord. In our darkest hours is when He holds us the closest. In God's love, Brenda Brown

Brenda Brown - April 19, 2011 at 11:08 AM

BC

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. I did not know Mr. Jackson very long but from the very start he got me to think the world of him. I felt very blessed to have gotten to spend time with him and listen to his stories of things of the past. He would tell me the times Jennifer would be out doing the fence on the farm. At that point in time the joy I would see on his face just talking of his children would even overwhelm him. Just because of the true love a daddy had for his children. He was a character that was a joy to be around. Thanks Bernadette

Bernadette Colon - April 19, 2011 at 10:41 AM

KC

“ I have a lot of good memories of Darrell when we worked at EMC together, and yes he always took his cap off for a lady Every time I would see him out he always had a joke and I would loved to hear him laugh. The last time we saw him we all sat together at Shirley's and ate. May God be with all of the family at this time.

Kay Cole - April 19, 2011 at 10:39 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Jackson, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time.

Dana DeDennaro - April 19, 2011 at 10:32 AM

DS

“ To Shannon and family - I am so very sorry for your loss, you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Debra Haynes Smith - April 19, 2011 at 10:01 AM

PW

“ I am sorry to hear about Darrell. May the God of all comfort be with you. Job asked God "if an able-bodied man dies can he live again?" Job 14:15 answers, "You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning." Yes God longs to bring back to life all those in the memorial tombs.(John 5:28,29) Life in a peaceful earth, with no more pain, sorrow, or morning.The former things will have passed away.(Psalm 37:29; Revelation 21:4) I pray you will find comfort and hope.

Pauline and William - April 19, 2011 at 07:28 AM

CS

“ Nelda, Jason, Shannon, Jennifer and Madonna, all my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you all.

Cindy Schian - April 19, 2011 at 06:36 AM

SM

“ Nelda and Bruce, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Susan Milam - April 18, 2011 at 09:30 PM

SS

“ Nelda, I am so sorry to hear about Darrell's death. You and your family are in my thoughts and Prayers. I will try to see you tomorrow night at visitation. Love You, Syble

Syble Storey - April 18, 2011 at 08:53 PM

PI

“ To the Jackson Family, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Jackson. He was always so nice to talk to and will be greatly missed. Nelda, if I can help you with anything please let me know.

PATTI BEAVER-GA. FARM BUREAU INSURANCE - April 18, 2011 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ Dearest Nelda we so sorry to hear about Darrell, Joe Collins called me Sunday night. I have always thought of Darrell as a good friend, the very best of a true Southern gentleman. You and your family are in our prayers.

ray and julianne mcknight - April 18, 2011 at 05:32 PM

BM

“ Nelda and Madonna, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Take care and God Bless

Betty Myers - April 18, 2011 at 01:46 PM

TA

“ Nelda, Bruce and Family: I am so sorry. I didn't know he was sick until a few days ago. He was one of the kindest and hardest working people I have ever known. You and Darrell gave me a place to live when I needed it and I will never forget the friendship we shared so many years ago. My prayers are with you and all your family. I know he will be greatly missed. Love, Terry

Terry Hand Andrews - April 18, 2011 at 10:13 AM

TK

“ Nelda & family we are so sorry for your lose. We have known everyone for a very long time and things like this are never easy but the thought of him being with GOD now should be the greatest comfort of all. We will be praying for you and your family. Godspeed Darrel a dear family friend.

The Ketchum's - April 18, 2011 at 09:47 AM

RH

“ I was sorry to hear of Darrells passing. My daughter Abby was having a baby at the sane hospital and I found out he was there. I visited with him for a while and he gave me some great tips on growing grapes. He said he was a little upset that he didn't get his garden started because of all the rain. He then told me a couple of corny joke that made me laugh. I considered him a good friend and I will miss him. Rick Harrison

Rick Harrison - April 18, 2011 at 08:39 AM

LP

“ NELDA, LARRY & I ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DARRELL'S PASSING. WE BOTH LOVED DARRELL. HE ALWAYS MADE YOU LAUGHT AND IT WAS A JOY TO BE AROUND HIM. WE BOUGHT MANY A BAILS OF HAY FROM HIM AND WHEN HE COULD HE WOULD LEAVE IT IN THE PASTURE FOR ME TO DRIVE AROUND AND PICK IT UP. HE WAS A KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MAN THAT WILL GREATLY BE MISSED. NELDA OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

LARRY & CAROLE PAYTON - April 18, 2011 at 07:59 AM

EL

“ Nelda and family. Please accept my heartfelt condolence. From the time Darrell and I were 5 years old. We have been friends. I never rembember a time that I did not see him smiling. Even when he was in great pain he could always smile and laugh at something I said. He was never too busy to stop, chat a minute, or offer to help a neighbor. He will truly be missed. May God's hands of compassion and love and his guiding light from above, shine down upon you and give you strength during this time of sorrow. Elaine Lee

Elaine Lee - April 17, 2011 at 10:07 PM

AE

“ I am so sorry for your loss and I will miss seeing Darrell at Saturday night Mass. He always had a smile and a greeting for everyone.

Angela Espy - April 17, 2011 at 08:54 PM

TS

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. I still recall the first time I met him. I had just gotten married to "Fat" Kee's grandson. Darrell came by to visit with "Fat" and I was sitting on the front porch reading a book. Darrell looked at me (and yes he did remove his hat) and said, "I don't have to read a book to see Jane run, I can look out side and see Jane and everyone else run". This was the very first time he made me laugh and there are hundreds more that followed. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless you all.

Theresa Spencer - April 17, 2011 at 08:53 PM

EP

“ Was sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. I first knew Darrell when he and Bruce did the electrical work at Powers Crossroads. I enjoyed coming out and picking grapes and have Darrell tell me stories whethr true or not. He could always pick more grapes than I could. These are good memories that I will cherish always. My prayers are with the family.

Ed Parrott - April 17, 2011 at 07:33 PM

PB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember Darrell's expertise and generosity through the years. It was always hard to get Darrell to take any money for the work he did for us and for Jimmy's parents as well. And we also remember that he did, indeed, take his hat off whenever a lady entered the room. What a gentleman! Darrell and Bruce wired our house over thirty years ago and that was quite an experience. Those two were so funny! You will all be in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead. Darrell was a very dear friend to us.

Pam and Jimmy Beavers - April 17, 2011 at 02:13 PM