



## David Carl Burnette

October 21, 1941 - November 7, 2021

David Carl Burnette of Newnan, GA, passed suddenly on November 7, 2021, at the age of 80. He is predeceased by his parents, Parma and Amos Burnette, as well as his first-born child, Karen, and her husband, Jim, who preceded him earlier this year.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Jeri Burnette, their sons Eric and Jeff, their wives Stephanie and Becky, their grandchildren Ben and Katherine, Ruthie, Nan, Kathleen and their mother, Betsy, and Chip and Scottie; his step-grandchildren Maggie and Montana and step-great-grandchildren Parker, Lincoln and Bear; as well as his sister and brother-in-law Dawn and Jeff Kernodle, their daughters Kelli and Jennifer, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his nephew Edward Newton and his wife, Stephanie, and their children.

David was born in Oak Hill, West Virginia and attended Fayetteville High School, where he was quarterback of his varsity football team and guard of the varsity basketball team. He graduated with a degree in History from East Tennessee State University, where he met his wife, Jeri.

He spent much of his life in Athens, GA, calling it home for 35 years. After a long career in sales, he spent a dozen years working in the business office at Athens Academy, where his sons had attended high school. He enjoyed supporting the athletic department, especially the football program. He was an elder at Friendship Presbyterian Church and later an active member of First Baptist Church of Athens.

David and Jeri retired to Newnan, GA and spent part of each year in Highlands, NC, where they met wonderful friends. Their active life in Newnan included beloved friendships in their neighborhood, The Commonwealth at Calumet, and their church family at First United Methodist Church.

He liked spending time at the beach, watching college football, working out in the gym, going to aqua aerobics, attending bible study and texting with his grandchildren, who

called him Poppy. He was exceedingly proud of his grandchildren's accomplishments and watched his granddaughter play in the volleyball State Championship representing Newnan High School on his 80th birthday this October, surrounded by family.

David's zest for life was contagious and many recall both his warmth and thoughtfulness. He loved singing with his wife in the senior choir and going on the trips that she planned. David was a friendly face to many with an inquisitive mind, a ready question, a love of history and a sly sense of humor.

He was much loved and will be long missed.

The memorial service celebrating David's life is Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Newnan First United Methodist Church, in Newnan with Rev. Charles Robinson officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Newnan's First United Methodist Church "Mission's Program", 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA 30263. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Dear Jeri,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about David. Please accept my deepest sympathy. David had a great smile and warm words whenever I saw him on campus. He was quick to answer any question or come to my aid for sending faxes. He was simply delightful. I shall carry wonderful memories of him in my heart.

~Jean Petrovs

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**Jean Petrovs** - November 12, 2021 at 08:54 AM

SR

“ Dear Jeri and Family,  
That handsome photo of David brought to mind so many good memories of his smiling face and genuine friendly way about him. I am deeply sorry that you are again feeling that huge hole in your heart getting bigger as you mourn his passing. Please find comfort in the many heartfelt thoughts and prayers being sent your way by so many people.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Fondly,

Sharon Reinking

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**Sharon Reinking** - November 11, 2021 at 05:09 PM

MA

“ My dear Jeri, I am at a loss to say what I feel, yet will speak/write from my heart. I am not sent emails from the class so I learned just today that David has passed away. I am so very sorry, Jeri. YOU have been touched by losses and I cannot tell you how I feel. You are such a wonderful, gifted person and I thank you for sharing yourself with those of us who have been where you are. I am sure of one thing and that is that David was a real sweetheart of a Christian and never failed to speak to me/Robert. He always had the most wonderful smile and he showed who he was to all of us. He always was a true servant of the Lord--well, both of you are and I thank God for being among you in our class. Be sure that my prayers will include you and your family through this difficult time and you are carrying a heavy load but Jesus is there beside you to lift you up. I will be in touch with you again, however, I wanted to get this to you for I did not learn of David's passing until lunch today. I am so sad for you and all that you have been through AND much sadder that I did not, as yet, do anything for you. I hope I can make it up to you for I care a lot for you and love you. Please know my prayers are including you everyday. I love you and consider you a strong person. Whatever you may need that I can help you with, please allow me the wonderful privilege of honoring your request.

My love,

Martha Alter

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Martha Alter - November 11, 2021 at 01:31 PM

MD

“ Harold & I are so truly sorry for your loss. Harold & David graduated together from Fayetteville High School. Harold always had the nicest things to say about David. We know there are no words to ease your sadness , but with time, love of family & friends, sweet memories, & your faith will help you through this trying time. You & your family are in our thought & prayers.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane & Harold Dodd

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Mary Jane & Harold Dodd - November 11, 2021 at 12:46 PM

NS

“ David as everybody's boy friend at aqua aerobics! Jeri how blessed you were to have such a kindhearted man for so long . God bless you and all your family ! Prayers to you all for peace and comfort.

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Nancy stoltz - November 11, 2021 at 12:45 PM

ML

“ I was so blessed to be his fiend.  
I so enjoyed our last visit together at the Orchard and breaking bread together.  
He was so comfortable to be around and was always interested in other's well-being.  
My heartfelt prayers are extended to you, Jeri. May he rest in peace in the hands of our Lord.

Marilynn Lester - November 10, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Carl Burnette.



November 10, 2021 at 10:31 AM

JG

“ Geri, You are in my prayers. Peace be with you. David rest in peace my friend.  
Jennifer Goodrich

Jennifer Goodrich - November 09, 2021 at 05:35 PM

PC

“ Jeri, I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your family at this time. I didn't know your husband, but all the pictures I saw of him and you were just wonderful. Sending a big hug.

Peggy Rohe Covey - November 09, 2021 at 03:30 PM

CC

“ David was one the nicest, funniest, most sincere people I've ever met. It was a joy to be around him and talk with him about so many and varied subjects, and he always added humor to every conversation. I'm heartbroken to know that he's gone, but I'm positive that he'll be remembered with love by everyone he knew. Love and prayers for peace and comfort go out to Jeri.

Cate Causey - November 09, 2021 at 03:18 PM

CT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. David was a great neighbor and friend. I believe he did enjoy life and lived fully. He will be missed.

Charles Thomas - November 09, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Carl Burnette.*



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November 09, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JR

“ *Jeri, I'm just so s to hear this. We met in the pool, and it seems like we've known each other forever! He was so friendly and kind and I will miss him. Jean Raines*

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**jean raines** - November 09, 2021 at 10:40 AM

GP

“ *Jeri I remember the first time I met David. In church. He was very friendly and I felt as though I had known him forever. My prayers are with you and family at this difficult time*

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**Gerrie Petty** - November 09, 2021 at 08:15 AM