



## David Duffield Deacon, Jr.

August 14, 1944 - April 29, 2009

David Duffield Deacon, Jr., “Duffy” Deacon-August 14, 1944- April 29, 2009

Wednesday, April 29, David D. Deacon, Jr. of Newnan, suffered a massive heart attack and passed away. He is preceded in death by his lifelong partner and wife of 43 years, Rita Deacon, who he lost to cancer in December. He is also preceded in death by his father, David D. Deacon, Sr. and mother, Carey Barker Deacon.

David, also known as Duffy, was born in Lynchburg, VA on August 14, 1944. He and his family moved to Newnan in 1950, where his grandfather, Rev. William Carey Barker, served as the pastor for First Baptist Church. After graduating from Newnan High School, Duffy attended Marion Military Institute, where he obtained an Engineering Degree. He also attended Auburn University. He married the love of his life, Rita Hight Deacon, and together they had four children; Kelly Gaddy (Phil Gaddy), David D. Deacon, III (Duffy) (Jennifer Deacon), Carey Deacon, and Natalie Deacon, all of Newnan. He is survived by his five grandchildren; Anna Alexander, Kimberly & Brian Deacon, and Catherine & Caroline Teeter. He is also survived by his brother and best friend, William Carey Barker Deacon (Billy) of Newnan.

Duffy worked for the United States Postal Services since 1975. He was a mail carrier for many years in Newnan, and was currently serving as Supervisor in

the Fairburn Post Office. Duffy was known for his love of God. He was an active member of his church, Harvest Park, as well as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. Throughout his life, he has been a Christian advisor and mentor to many people. His greatest joy in this life was his family. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, affectionately known as "Poppy". Since losing his wife, he spent his free time with his children, grandchildren, friends, and beloved co-workers. Duffy was an avid football fan and enjoyed being with his son, namesake, and best friend, Duffy, as well as his second son (son in law), Phil Gaddy, during football season. He and his wife shared a deep love for animals and their pets. He was well known and loved for his wit, character, and kindness.

Condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Harvest Park Baptist Church, 37 Frank Cook Road, Newnan, GA. 30263.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 2nd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, Ga. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at Harvest Park Baptist Church, at 2:00 PM with Rev. Lee Ayers officiating. Mr. Deacon will lie in state from 1:00 PM to the time of the service. Burial will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 3.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Harvest Park Baptist Church  
37 Frank Cook Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Carey and Natalie, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you've been through so much with the recent passing of your mother. My prayers are with you and your families as you go through these difficult days ahead. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that now your parents are once again together. God bless, Lori S. Holland

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**Lori Holland** - May 08, 2009 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ We played together as children in Lynchburg, at Va. Beach and in Newnan. We first cousins had the priviledge of being in the parsonage with our beloved grandparents, William Carey Barker and Mag Barker. I had a wonderful conversation with Duffy shortly after Rita died. We had hoped to get together soon to renew our relationship as family. My heart goes out to the Deacon family for the sudden loss of your dear father and grandfather. May God give you Grace and Strength at this time knowing that your dear parents are together in His Light and Love. I hope to get to Newnan in the future to meet you all.

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**Peggy Coleman Fosse** - May 05, 2009 at 03:37 PM

MF

“ So terribly sorry to hear about the loss of Duffey. I cannot imagine what the last 6 months have been for your family. Our prayers are and will be with you.

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**Mike and Sally Fleming** - May 03, 2009 at 01:34 PM

JG

“ I worked with Duffy at the Post office here in Newnan for a lone time. I truly did enjoy his company. My wife Kitty and I extend our sympathy to you the Deacon Family. May the Lord above continue to Bless and Keep you.

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**James & Katie Gay** - May 02, 2009 at 03:17 PM

CC

“ Our hearts go out to your family, I am so sorry for your loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this time. All our love, The Ciaccio Family-Los Angeles, CA.

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**Celine Ciaccio** - May 02, 2009 at 01:49 PM

KD

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers! May God be with you during this hard time. With Love, Kerrie

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**Kerrie Veal Dukes** - May 02, 2009 at 11:26 AM

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“ Billy -- it was a shock and a great sadness to learn of 'Duffy's passing. Wish his family and you the best. Sorry I can't travel to Newnan today to be with you.

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**Kenneth Wright (Rhino)** - May 02, 2009 at 11:15 AM

RC

“ Billy, I am so sorry to hear of Duffy's death. I have wonderful memories of our playing together as kids. Please know that my thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Ray Cavender

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**Ray Cavender** - May 02, 2009 at 09:37 AM

JW

“ I have known Duffy since a young boy. We went to First Baptist, worked together at the Post Office. Duffy was a friend, and always had a smile on his face. My prayers go out to the family. He will surely be missed by all those who knew him.

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**Jimmy Walker** - May 02, 2009 at 09:25 AM

JB

“ No words can ever convey how truly saddened I am for all of you. I am not even sure the words are out there that could say what it is I want to say, but know that I am praying for you and rejoice in knowing the relationships you had with both parents were special and rare; as was the partnership they shared. We should all be that blessed in this lifetime. God Bless. Jane

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**Jane Binion** - May 02, 2009 at 12:26 AM

RS

“ We were good friends for years, in high school, at Auburn, and later. I am sure you will miss him as will everyone who knew him.

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**Rhodes Shell** - May 01, 2009 at 02:26 PM

CD

“ I am so truly sorry for your family's loss. May God be with you - hold and keep you all during this trying time. You are in my prayers and close to my heart. Love, Caroline Dorough

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**Caroline Dorough** - May 01, 2009 at 09:43 AM

AB

“ Duffey was such a super nice guy. Every time I think of him I can see him laughing or making others laugh. I enjoyed working with him. My thoughts are with all of his family during this sad time. He will surely be missed. Ann Baker

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**Ann Baker** - April 30, 2009 at 09:33 PM

LG

“ When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) U.S. poet. Thanks to Longfellow, this expresses my feelings for Duffy; memories of him will always be with me. How lucky we are to have someone that makes saying goodbye so hard.

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**Larry Green** - April 30, 2009 at 07:15 PM