



David Ronald Olive

August 10, 1940 - March 17, 2025

David Ronald Olive, 84, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025. David was born on August 10, 1940, in Sheffield, Alabama, to Shelby L. Olive and Mary Pauline Olive of Florence, Alabama. He attended Coffee High School in Florence, Alabama, and graduated in 1958. He married his high school sweetheart, Charlene Cutshall Olive, in 1961. He attended the University of Alabama and graduated in 1963 with a degree in Mathematics.

At graduation, he was commissioned in the United States Air Force. He attended Air Force pilot training at Craig Air Force Base in Selma, Alabama, where he became an instructor pilot in the T-33 and T-38 Aircraft. In 1968, he joined Northwest Airlines and flew the Boeing 707, 727, 757, 747 and the Douglas DC-10 Aircraft. He retired as a Captain on the 757 Aircraft in 2000 after logging over 20,000 hours of flight time.

David was a 40-year member of Central Baptist Church in Newnan and a devoted M.A.M. Sunday School Class member.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Charlene; his daughter-in-law, Sharon Leigh Olive of Minneapolis, MN; granddaughters, Kirby Grace Breeding, Shelby Leigh Olive, and Baily Hope Olive; his brother, John P. Olive (Cathy) of Foley, Alabama; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, S.L. and Pauline Olive, and his son, Michael J. Olive. David left a legacy of courage, dedication, hard work, and

devotion to faith and family. We will dearly miss our husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. A graveside service will immediately follow visitation at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com. Flowers are welcome, but those who wish to make a donation may do so in David's name, to the Central Baptist Church ATTN: Feeding Our Friends, 14 W Broad Street, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
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Tribute Wall

SM

“ I was David's nurse at Piedmont. I enjoyed the short time I got to spend with such an accomplished articulate person. My condolences and deepest sympathy to his wife Charlene and other family. STEVE



Steve Marlow - April 09, 2025 at 04:17 PM

LP

“ Dave and I (and Charlene and Barbara) were friends for more than forty years. Dave and I were fellow pilots at Northwest Airlines and we shared those adventures as well.

He was just simply a good man. And a really good friend. We laughed, we fished, we flew, and we enjoyed each other's company. He and I bought a nice condominium together in St Paul for our commuting place, and we rented to two more NWA pilots, and it was a fun gathering place for all of us.

Camaraderie, solid friendship, trust, admiration, respect...and laughter. All those words come to mind as I think about my times with Dave and all the good times we shared. I'm so very sad that he's gone, but the memories will not depart, they're golden and they're timeless.

Thank you for your friendship, my dear friend, rest in peace....

Lyle and Barbara Prouse

Lyle Prouse - March 29, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JH

“ *Charlene, I am so sorry to learn of your loss
May you find comfort in our Lord. You will be
in my prayers and thoughts.. Sincerely, Joan
Smith Hanson*

Joan Smith Hanson - March 22, 2025 at 04:41 PM

PB

“ *I am a retired Northwest Airlines pilot and got to know Dave over the
years. He was a wonderful soft spoken, southern gentleman. I
always will remember his fun sense of humor. Men like him will be
missed. Paul Best*

Paul Best - March 22, 2025 at 02:37 PM

GW

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on
your loss. May he rest in eternal peace.*



Geraldine Welch - March 21, 2025 at 05:43 PM