



## Donald Bush

August 6, 1944 - August 19, 2018

Donald Wayne Bush of Newnan, Georgia died August 19, 2018. Mr. Bush was born on August 6, 1944 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Louise Bush Hester. He spent his childhood in Atlanta. Mr. Bush was a born entrepreneur. After attending the University of Georgia, he worked as an accountant for baseball great Bullet Bob Turley. Bullet Bob was so impressed with his work that he became an investor for Mr. Bush to start his own establishment in what is now known as Underground Atlanta in the early 1970s. His Underground Atlanta businesses included Front Page and Pump House nightclubs, the Chat 'n' Chew sandwich shop, and Jocko's Pizza. Mr. Bush went on to open Angelo's Pizza in Decatur, Hedgerose Heights on E Paces Ferry Rd, and Mario's Ristorante on Peachtree. After a successful career in the restaurant and nightclub businesses, he decided to completely change fields and began working in the automotive industry, where he was the General Manager for both Global Imports and then Chris Motors BMW in Atlanta. In 1976, he married Yvonne Lambert Bush, and they settled in Newnan, GA, where he began his career in real estate. He first owned and managed several apartment buildings and rentals in Newnan. He became a licensed real estate agent in 1990. After many years in the real estate business, Don and Yvonne, and their twin sons, Wesley and Christopher, opened Bush Real Estate Group, where Don worked until he retired in 2017 leaving the company in the hands of his sons. Don was predeceased by his brothers George Franklin Bush, Jr and Gary Dean Bush.

His survivors include his sons Christopher Ryan Bush and his wife Kristina Grindstaff Bush, John Wesley Bush and his wife Ellen Threlkeld Bush, and 3 loving grandchildren, Ethan Christopher Bush, Parks Christopher Bush, and Ellis Adaline Bush, all of Newnan. He is also survived by his former wife and dearest friend, Yvonne Lambert Bush, his special friends Connie Williford Marsh and her husband James Scott Marsh of Macon, his sister Winola Bush Swinks and her husband Archie Alton Swinks, his sister-inlaw Micki Bush MacMahon and her husband James Walker MacMahon of Decatur, his aunts Joy Major Belyeu and her husband William "Billy" Sims Belyeu of Smyrna and Bobbie Major Pumphrey and her husband Linwood LaVonne Humphrey of Lovejoy, and numerous nieces and nephews. Honoring Don's wishes, a private family celebration will be held at his home in Moreland, GA. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to his caregiver Debbie Stacks and to Homestead Hospice, including Missy Kidd and Heidi Waller. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Don Bush's name online at [www2.jdrf.org](http://www2.jdrf.org).  
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

# Previous Events

## Service

**AUG 21** (ET)

Private Family Service  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ To, Chris, Wesley, and Yvonne, just returned home and much to my surprise and shocked was told Don had passed.. He was unique, a kind man, and entertaining..He was my first acquaintance when I relocated to Newnan and was very helpful and kind.Once you met him you will remember him forever....Prayers to the Bush family..

Janet Bertrand Broussard - August 23, 2018 at 09:50 PM

RH

“ I remember when Cindy was just starting her real estate and she was with another organization Don recruited her in her earlier years in real estate and I'm so glad he did. I really respected Don a lot and he was a very intelligent individual. I'm going to miss him very much and I want to say to the family we love you and you're like family to us God bless you and you are continuously in our prayers.

Roy Horsley - August 23, 2018 at 06:29 PM

JS

“ Don Bush deserves a great deal of credit for the success I enjoy each day! He was my mentor, and will never be forgotten.



Jermon M. Sims - August 23, 2018 at 05:49 PM

DS

“ Dear Bush Family,  
It is so hard to loose a Family member, it leaves a hole that can't be filled except by God.  
May the good Lotd give you Peace, Love and contentment during this very difficult time.  
God loves you and I do too,  
Don Jones Sr.

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**Don Jones Sr.** - August 23, 2018 at 09:48 AM

DA

“ Love and prayers go up for the entire family. Don will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Definitely one of a kind. An absolutely brilliant man. It has been a privilege for me to have crossed paths with him. God Bless always.

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**Diane Avery** - August 22, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of a larger than life man. Our prayers are with you.

*Ed & Jackie Johnson*

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**Jackie Johnson** - August 22, 2018 at 11:13 AM

AK

“ I am so sorry for the families loss. It has been a pleasure working with Don. I wouldn't consider working with anyone else. He was always very helpful! Prayers to the family.

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**Angela Kilgore** - August 22, 2018 at 08:01 AM

RE

“ I met Don 11 years ago. He was warm, inviting, had a big personality, held strong opinions, and proved to be a business maverick. It was easy to recognized his knowledge and no-nonsense approach. He caused me to raise my eyebrow more than a few times over the years, but that was Don. From opposite ends of beliefs and convictions, we found our way to friendship. What he offered me, he offered others, for those wise enough to accept. I've watch him mentor many, but mostly with Yvonne, love on and push their sons to become the men and loving husbands, and fathers they are today. I believe he would consider Wesley and Chris to be his finest legacy. Fond memories include his warm smile, encouraging talks, racquetball matches, and watching him with his family. Don is missed, but his impression on others' carries on...

Ray Evans - August 21, 2018 at 10:29 PM

PG

“ Truly one of a kind! He was special in so many ways....too many to list. I feel only sadness for his amazing family but then how luck they were to have him as were those who knew him.

Polly A Garlington - August 21, 2018 at 09:28 PM

CH

“ Don was the "realest" person that I have ever known, there was not one bit of fake about him! To know him was an honor and to love him was a joy. Never a dull moment! I love you guys very much and I am praying for God's comfort now and in the coming days.

Cindy Horsley - August 21, 2018 at 06:26 PM



Cindy- this is the best. Yvonne and I have ready your comments 1000 times today already and laughed and cried at the same time!

Ellen Bush - August 22, 2018 at 11:13 AM

TS

“ *The family pictures are beautiful and your memories will always be treasured. He was a great entrepreneur and a great person. He will be missed. Our prayers and love are with your family. Terri Stevens and family*

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**Terri Stevens** - August 21, 2018 at 06:23 PM

SC

“ *He would have you laughing in stiches by only speaking to him for a matter of minutes!  
So sorry for your loss as you mourn the hole in your hearts his passing has left!*

*Sharon Christiansen*

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**Sharon Christianse** - August 21, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *I never got to meet Mr. Don but Robin spoke very highly of him and his family. I know he will be missed by many. Prayers for your family.*

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**Natalie Davis** - August 21, 2018 at 05:00 PM

EH

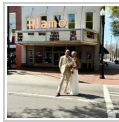
“ Words can not describe how Don will be missed. He was a true legend, mentor and always had a story and a solution to anything! Don will always have a special place in my heart and soul. Thank you Don, you were an amazing person!

*Edward Harper*



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**Edward Harper** - August 21, 2018 at 04:51 PM



*Edward, Don always had a special place for you as do all of the Bush family. Thank you for everything you did for him. And I know he enjoyed that ice cream!*

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**Ellen Bush** - August 22, 2018 at 11:15 AM

JF

*Don was always there for ,I would never be where I'm at in the Car Business if it wasn't for Don Bush he always had A Never Give Up on anything in life attitude , What a Legacy Thank You Don He will be truly missed*

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**Joe Ferris** - October 07, 2018 at 11:27 PM

TM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Legend no doubt! I spent a couple of hours with Don face to face back in 2009. After our meeting a had a new found respect for him. He was a brilliant man!

*Terri Martinez*

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**Terri Martinez** - August 21, 2018 at 04:46 PM

EW

“ *Very sorry to hear of Don's passing... Erika Wright*



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**Erika Kothleitner Wright** - August 21, 2018 at 04:45 PM

AP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Amy Patterson*

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**Amy Patterson** - August 21, 2018 at 04:39 PM

LH

“ *Sending prayers for the family. Don had a presence in our community that will be missed. So sorry for your loss. Linda Huff*

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**Linda Huff** - August 21, 2018 at 04:27 PM

CH

“ *My prayers are with all of you. May peace be with you.*

*Carol Holden*

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**Carol Holden** - August 21, 2018 at 04:11 PM

CB

“ 6 files added to the album Pictures of Don



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**Christopher Bush** - August 21, 2018 at 03:29 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures of Don



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**Christopher Bush** - August 21, 2018 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ *Don is a legend in Coweta County real estate and we will certainly miss him. We wish the very best to the Bush family and wish them comfort.*

*Scott Cosby*

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**Scott Cosby** - August 21, 2018 at 03:14 PM



*Thank you so much Scott*

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**Ellen Bush** - August 22, 2018 at 11:15 AM

SP

“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family.  
What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. I feel so lucky  
that I got to know him.  
Don will be missed.*

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**Solange Pfahl** - August 21, 2018 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all  
during this difficult time.*



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**Jermon & Kelly Sims** - August 20, 2018 at 10:29 PM