

## Donald Perrin Chappell

January 12, 1947 - December 14, 2023

Donald Perrin Chappell of Snellville, Georgia passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the age of 76. Born January 12, 1947 in Richmond, Virginia. Don was a loving father, accomplished musician, and distinguished war veteran who received the Purple Heart medal for his service in the Vietnam War. He will be remembered for his lifelong faith and pursuit of truth, his unfailing generosity and sacrifices, his courage in the face of gravest adversity, and for the music he so loved and gave.

Don was married to Dolores Chappell for 38 years. They had 6 children together and in 1983 built a home in rural Snellville to raise them among trees and creek, games and sport. Don filled his home with live guitar, harmonica, and vocals, and encouraged and enabled his children to pursue music or whatever caught their fancy, as he deeply believed they would succeed at anything they set out to do. He lived simply and modestly, an emblem of self-denial, to secure his family a better life.

Don was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Trinidy, his brother Robert, and his parents Barbara Kerr Perrin-Chappell and Thomas Washington Chappell. He is survived by his five children Aijah Chappell, Aileen Chappell Ayers, Jessica Chappell Cowart, Virgil Chappell, and Winston Chappell; his 16 grandchildren Danielle Chappell, Alexandria Lyons Fordham, Daniel Lyons, Anna Lyons, Abigail Ayers, Micaiah Cowart, Truson

Cowart, Anselm Cowart, John Henry Cowart, Juliana Cowart, Lilliana Witt, Makenlee Witt, Isaiah Chappell, Ariana Chappell, Chiara Chappell, and Valor Chappell; and his great-grandson Ryker Fordham. Some of Don's last words were how proud he was of his grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday December 19, 2023 at 3:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263. He will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

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

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue  
Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

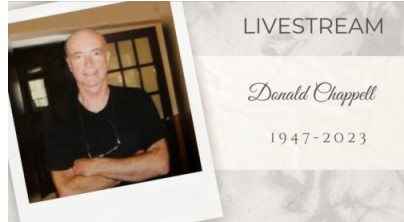
DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



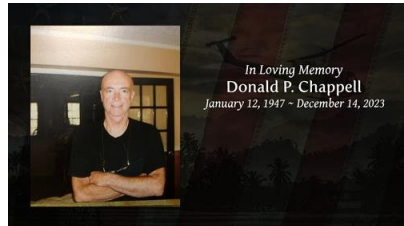
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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - December 19, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Perrin Chappell*



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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Aileen Chappell Ayers** - December 18, 2023 at 03:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Perrin Chappell.

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