



Donald Goss Van Houten

December 5, 1926 - March 5, 2019

Donald Goss Van Houten was born in Newnan December 5, 1926 and was the son of the late Thomas Embry and Mary Dorothy Davis Van Houten. Donald's father was an automobile mechanic, by trade, and this interest in mechanics would also carry over into Donald's life. He owned and operated Van's Auto Parts store in Newnan for many years. Donald graduated from Newnan High School but registered for the draft when he was only 15 years old and served in the Navy during World War II. He met the lady who would complete his life in Margaret Elizabeth Lazenby. For the next 54 years, they were inseparable, for, if you saw one of them, the other was close by. After Donald's retirement from the auto parts store, he and Margaret operated the Downtown Mini Storage. Donald was steadfastly devoted as a husband, father, businessman and friend. A large part of Donald's life centered around his involvement in their family's church affiliations. They were actively involved in Elim Baptist Church and later Newnan First United Methodist Church. Donald was a man not given to great fanfare but went through life quietly going about his business doing what needed to be done; helping friends who needed his help and always with a quiet smile for the humor he found in life. To have Donald as a friend, was to be assured that a helping hand was never far away. Donald's and Margaret's life circle was made complete by the birth of their daughter Lisa, who would marry Jim Hines. Jim came with the bonus of his children, James A. Hines and Angela Hines Hendrixon and their families. Donald is also survived by his sister-in-law, Joanne Lazenby. His

brothers, Thomas Van Houten, Jr. and Robert Davis Van Houten preceded him in death. Donald's life will be honored in a service to be held at McKoon Funeral Home on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the McKoon Chapel and led by Reverend Charles Robinson and Reverend Gary Parrish. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Elim Baptist Church Cemetery. For those who wish to honor his life, it is suggested that a memorial gift might be made to the Elim Baptist Church Cemetery Fund 1529 Handy Road Newnan GA 30263 or to The First United Methodist Church of Newnan 33 Greenville St. Newnan GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Elim Baptist Church Cemetery

1529 Handy Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Lisa,
Sorry to hear bout your Dad. Speak him name often to keep his memories alive.

Angela Smith Alexander
Hamp Smith

Angela Alexander - March 07, 2019 at 10:18 PM

PM

“ Dear Lisa and Jim,
Our hearts are sad tonight. We are thinking of you and remembering your wonderful father.
Love, Paige and Tom

Paige and Tom Marlow - March 06, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Goss Van Houten.



March 06, 2019 at 09:49 PM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I loved Mr. Donald and Miss Margaret dearly! I will certainly miss his smiles and hugs at church.



Robin Mann - March 06, 2019 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ Lisa, we were so sad to hear about Mr. VanHouten. What a sweet, gentle man. You have always been a wonderful daughter for both your parents. Know that you are all in our prayers. Martha & Cliff

Martha Smith - March 06, 2019 at 03:42 PM

GP

“ Lisa my heart is sad today. Your mom and dad were special people to me. We came in contact with them at church and also at the gym when they were able to be there. Your dad was always a positive person in the conversations we would have. He will be missed by all who knew him. God bless you and family members.

Gerrie and Ray

Gerrie Petty - March 06, 2019 at 10:31 AM

FF

“ Our prayers are with you. Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - March 06, 2019 at 09:06 AM

BW

“ Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Donald Goss Van Houten



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - March 06, 2019 at 07:22 AM

JG

“ Sweet Lisa and Jim, Mr. Don and "Miss" Margaret have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. The couple of years that Mr. Don taught our high school Sunday School class were the best thing that ever happened to every single member. He would always say, in all the years since then, "It was an experience. I never knew WHAT we were going to discuss during that hour!" The last few years, I was so privileged to be able to be his breakfast and lunch companion whenever you and Jim went out of town for a couple of days. We would reminisce about those Sunday mornings and where all the other class members were now...other people we went to church with at Elim all those years ago...so many wonderful memories brought back to life with so much laughter and love. The mention of Mr. Don's name will always bring a smile to my face and laughter to my heart. Thank you for sharing him with me. Love y'all always.

Jennie Gillihan - March 05, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ It was always a thrill to see Mr. Donald and Lisa eating lunch every Sunday at Shirley's. Our Sunday's dinner will never be the same as we look at the table across from us and not see his warm smile!
Fred & Regina Lange and Mom!

Regina Lange - March 05, 2019 at 04:49 PM