



## Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock

April 28, 1952 - June 19, 2025

Dr. Robert "Bob" Arnold Babcock, 73, of Newnan, GA passed away Thursday, June 19th, 2025 at Emory University Hospital Midtown. He was born April 28, 1952 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Arnold Robert Babcock Jr. and Vivian Shirley (Kline) Babcock. Bob was preceded in death by his sister Margaret "Peggy" Babcock. At Bob's request, cremation has already taken place.

Bob grew up in Saginaw, Michigan and was a 1970 graduate of Arthur Hill High School. He was a proud graduate of Oakland University, class of 1975, where he completed his undergraduate in Psychology. Bob then completed both his Masters (1978) in Psychology and his Ph.D. (1989) at University of Massachusetts. Bob's areas of specialization included Applied behavior analysis, Developmental disabilities, Autism-spectrum disorders, School consultation, Behavioral coaching for adolescents and adults with Asperger's Syndrome, and Performance management in human service organizations.

Bob was a Board Certified Behavior Analyst as well as a licensed Psychologist in both Alabama and Georgia.

From representing intellectually vulnerable young adults in the court to advocating for quality care within Alabama and Georgia school systems for adolescents with Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Bob was recognized for making a multitude of powerful strides in the autistic Spectrum community. Bob left a tremendous impact in the lives of his clients and fellow colleagues at Brightstone Transitions in Gainesville, GA, the Behavioral Science Center in Columbus, GA, and Wellspring Counseling Center in Opelika, AL. When Bob

wasn't providing therapy to his clients, he enjoyed playing the guitar and fixing them too. Bob loved all forms of music, especially rock. Bob also enjoyed home improvement projects, earning the nickname "Bob the Builder" from his daughter Gabriella.

Bob's celebration of life will take place Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.McKoon.com](http://www.McKoon.com) .

Survivors include his wife Sylvia (McCall) Babcock, Newnan, GA ; and his step-children Gabriella Franks of Newnan, GA; Richard Franks of Marietta, GA; Solomon Franks of Atlanta, GA; Samuel McCall of Jackson, GA; and two biological children Zane and Adrienne BlumeBabcock of Auburn, AL. He also leaves behind three siblings - Mark and Becky Babcock of Saginaw, MI; Deborah and Jeffrey Tallman of Grand Rapids, MI; and Colonel (USAF-retired) Bruce D. and Amy Babcock of Alexandria, VA; a great part of our family Bob and Norma Wilder of Palmetto, FL. Bob also leaves behind a multitude of beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

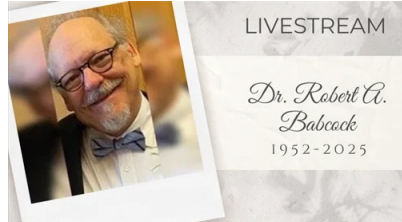
JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



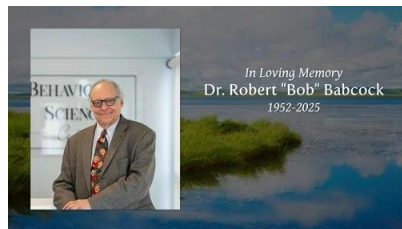
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 12, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM

TW

*Bob was a true example of a "colleague"; he was there for his patients, caring deeply about each of them. As we worked together and shared conversations about treatment, life, and personal life, it was never outside of his capacity to care for another. I admired Bob's devotion to his family, friends, and patients. My life was deeply touched by Bob and I learned a great deal from his knowledge and willingness to share his knowledge. Our world used all the love he could give and gave him rich experiences, which he turned into wisdom. Your love and counsel will not be forgotten.*

Tyler Whitney - June 23, 2025 at 01:29 PM

DA

*Bob was loved and admired by many and especially The Tuscaloosa City School System. Serving as The Director of Special Education I had the opportunity to work with Bob for many years. We contracted with Bob for services working with our students regarding Autism as well as other areas. It was in 2015 Bob visited my husband, daughter (Beth, who had Angelman Syndrome) and I following a house fire that left us displaced. It would be a few short months following that visit that Bob was instrumental in saving our daughter's life. Bob had extensive background with individuals with rare disorders. It was Bob who lead the group who worked with UAB in making the necessary adjustments to her treatment plan. Bob will always hold a special place in my husband and my hearts. He will be sorely missed.*

**Deborah Anderson** - June 23, 2025 at 02:12 PM

AW

*Rest in peace bob you will truly be missed.*

**aaron wright** - June 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MM

*In the short time that I have known you you had a heart of gold and you will be truly missed and you was a great husband to my sister rest in peace*

**Marilyn Mccall** - June 23, 2025 at 02:40 PM

BG

*Bob Babcock was a gifted psychologist who was there for my family at the most difficult times of our lives with Christopher!  
He was a mentor for our son Richard and a strong advocate for so many children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities!  
He was there for me on Thanksgiving 2020 when no one else could be reached as I faced a scary crises with Chris!  
i will miss Dr. Bob and this is a very sad time for those of us who were touched by his knowledge and compassion for our community!*

**Beverly Garland** - June 23, 2025 at 03:13 PM

LJ

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**Lisa-George Jenkins** - June 23, 2025 at 08:24 PM

AO

*Dr Babcock a big part of the Owen family for many years. He loved our daughter unconditionally. Bob had a marvelous sense of humor, an amazing intellect, an intuitive sense of what to say to our daughter and to us, her family. We all learned from "Dr. B" how to problem-solve, prioritize, and to always think outside the box. He shared his life with us also. How*

*proud he was of his*

*daughter and son and his*

*love for them and their mother was enormous. To fix love again was a beautiful thing for Bob.*

*He is gone too soon and he will be missed by clients who became his dear friends. Thank you for sharing your*

*Gifts. Yours was a life well-lived. Thank you Dr Babcock. Rest in peace, my friend.*

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**Ann Monroe Owen** - July 05, 2025 at 03:16 PM

MG

*It is sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Bob as he was know throughout the special needs / disability community. His sense of humor, dedication and genuine interest for the individuals he worked for made a tremendous positive impact in their lives and the families as well. I feel lucky to have met him. My deepest condolences for his family and colleagues.*

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**Maria Gutierrez** - July 07, 2025 at 10:28 PM

LA

*Dear Dr.Babcock ... truly a man of enormous wisdom, intellect, kindness, and so much more. Bob cared for our son and by extension our family for many years as we struggled to find a path that led all of us to a more tranquil and purposeful life. Sincere condolences to his family.*

Laura Ash - July 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

FP

“ Frank Stanley, Ph.D. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock



Frank Stanley, Ph.D. - August 14, 2025 at 07:14 AM

FP

*Dr. Bob was a wonderful and intelligent man. He helped many with ASD and was an excellent guide for other clinicians who tried to help them as well. Making now go to his final reward for all the good work he has done.*

Frank Stanley, Ph.D. - August 14, 2025 at 07:15 AM

JF

“ Jody F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock.

Jody F. - July 11, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock.



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“ Behavioral Science Center purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock.



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AH

“ It is hard to put into words how much Dr. Bob meant to our family. He came into our lives through the Emory Adult Autism Center. At the time, our son Chris was in an extremely difficult position. Through the next 7 years, Dr. Bob help him learn to cope with his situation and look at what were his options. He always was available to Chris, be it day or night to take his call. They joked together. It was very evident that they had a special relationship. We are eternally grateful for Dr. Bob and all of his help.

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Anne Havron - July 08, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LF

“ Laura Owen and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock.



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Laura Owen and family - July 07, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JM

“ Dr. Bob made, and will continue to make, an amazing impact on the world. As so many have said, he was truly an amazing clinician who understood and truly cared about the people in his care. Another colleague taught me long ago that, "your clients won't care how much you know until they know how much you care". Anyone who interacted with Dr Bob KNEW how much he cared. The beauty of Dr Bob was he cared about EVERYONE! He was brilliant, but I always described him as someone who could think in the stratosphere, but talk in language that anyone could understand. He also loved to teach. I had the privilege of watching him teach clients, parents, staff, and even my college students he could tailor his presentation to any audience to keep their attention and truly educate them. I love you Doc, and will miss you my friend.

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John McMillon - June 25, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Babcock.*



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June 23, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *Bob was brilliant and one of the top in his field of ABA. All of that paled in comparison to what made him truly great, he was the most caring and selfless caretaker of people that I have ever encountered. Our Brightstone community is truly heartbroken and we feel privileged to have had in our world.*  
*Jason Cox*

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jason - June 23, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ *The first time I met Bob was in conjunction with a visit to his PhD advisor, Beth Sulzer-Azaroff and a seminar attended by Bob and other students. Beth was to drive me to the airport and Bob volunteered to be my chaufför in Beth's car. We were cruising down the highway completely absorbed in talking about the topics from the seminar; oblivious to the world around us. To our surprise Bob gets pulled over for speeding - in his professor's car. Shock and embarrassment for both of us. And, Bob got a fine as a result of being a nice guy. I felt "guilty" too, and sent him a check for 50% of the fine. Don't remember exactly what we talked about but remember his intelligence, friendliness and enthusiasm. We maintained sporadic contact over the years.*

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Ned Carter - June 23, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ A kind man who shared a lot of his inner Good with many. He loved the folk singer Phil Ochs and that alone was a testament to the person he was. Thanks for everything Bob 😊

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**Jerre Brimer** - June 23, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TE

“ Dr. Bob will surely be missed. He was a part of our family for many years. To say we were lucky we found him is an understatement. He made a huge success in our son's life and turned him around and got him where he is today. Dr. Bob was his buddy. We know you will be watching over Damon. You will forever be missed. Teresa, Hueston and Damon Hutchinson

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**Teresa** - June 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

SW

“ Bob was a dear friend and colleague for many years. I will miss our late afternoon gabfests. His knowledge base of autism and behavior was so vast and I would seek him out for very difficult cases. He always had suggestions and took the time to listen to the particulars. I will always remember him playing his guitar up at CHOTA around the campfire and his booming laugh. We will all miss you terribly, Bob. You had a zest for life that is rarely duplicated. Rest in peace.

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**Sheila Wagner** - June 23, 2025 at 12:52 PM

LJ

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**Lisa-George Jenkins** - June 23, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JC

*“ Bob was an amazing colleague and a good friend. He always went the extra mile for his patients, and being with him was a joy to his friends and family alike. The world is a better place for his having lived among us. Joe Cubells*

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**Joseph Cubells** - June 23, 2025 at 12:24 PM