



Dr. Gerald Stevenson Troutman

December 16, 1933 - October 6, 2012

The Rev. Dr. Gerald S. Troutman, 78, of Newnan, formerly of Atlanta, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. The memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 731 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA. The family will receive friends at the church 12:30-2 prior to the service. Parking is available in the church lots off of 4th Street and in the parking deck at 715 Peachtree Street accessible from 3rd Street.

The Rev. Troutman was born in Andrews, NC, to the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Nosker Troutman. He attended Appalachian Elementary and High School in Boone, NC, where he enjoyed and excelled in sports and music. A football scholarship enabled him to graduate from Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC. Other educational endeavors included an M.Div., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC; CPE Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta; and D.MIN, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

He served as pastor of congregations in Greeneville, TN and Atlanta; secretary, president, and bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; staff, Division for Ministry and Synodical Relations of the ELCA; director of development Lutheran Ministries of GA; served as interim/transition pastor in eight congregations, including the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta, St. Timothy in Forest Park, GA, and Advent Lutheran

Church in LaGrange, Ga. He was elected in 2009 by the SE Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as bishop emeritus.

He was listed in Who's Who in Atlanta and America; Doctor of Divinity, Newberry College; 50th Anniversary Preacher on the "Protestant Hour" (now "Day One"); national judge, "The American Mother of the Year Contest;" Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary's "Dr. J. Luther Mauney Leadership Award;" grand marshal, City of Newnan July 4th Parade; served on many boards of directors; Lenoir-Rhyne University Alumnus of the Year Award (2009).

In the community he was proud to serve as chaplain for the police and fire departments; PTA president, Little and Youth League football and baseball coach; the Civic Association Board; host of weekly television program, member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation and Keith Brooking Children's Foundation Board and was a graduate of Leadership Coweta. He served as a volunteer at the Newnan Health and Fitness Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, The Rev. Edwin Nosker Troutman. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marihope Shirey Troutman; three children, Gerald Stevenson Troutman Jr. (Miriam), Lee Shirey Troutman (Nan), and Frances Troutman Harris (Steve); grandchildren, Kathleen Shirey Troutman, Mary Turner Troutman, Lawson Brown Harris, Isabelle Troutman Harris, Lee Russell Troutman, and Steven Grady Troutman.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com .

Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Fund for Leaders, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 or www.elca.org.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580 is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
731 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

Service

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Rev. Troutman. He contributed so much, lived a good life, and will be sorely missed. We are thinking of you all at this time.

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - October 24, 2012 at 06:58 AM

JS

“ Jerry was very much a part of the Sparks family and the St. John's (Knoxville) family. We have many fond memories of Jerry and know he will be missed. Although we cannot be at the service tomorrow, please know that all the many family and friends that knew and loved Jerry will be in our thoughts and prayers. I would like to think that Jerry is having a nice chat and comparing notes with my Dad right now - but in a much better place. With loving thoughts, John

John Sparks - October 12, 2012 at 05:50 PM

RM

“ Marihope, we were blessed to have known him. He was always inspiring and a source of strength. Rest assured that our prayers are with you and your family in the days ahead. We love you.

Rick & Rita Melville - October 12, 2012 at 08:27 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Donald Summer and Family - October 11, 2012 at 10:52 PM

SY

“*Mary Hope and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We just heard about it tonight. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if we can do anything. Love, Spencer and Melanie and boys*

Spencer Luckie & Melanie Youngblood - October 11, 2012 at 09:28 PM

SJ

“*Marihope, Betty and I extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy in your loss. Gerry was a wonderful person. We were fortunate that our paths crossed, and we had the opportunity to spend a little time together. We were eating at The Hil restaurant this week and recalled the wonderful evening we had with you and Gerry there a couple of years back. We also reflected on the evening of your anniversary and the delightful time we had in your home. Gerry and I shared many a conversation at Rotary and other places. He was a friend, a very special person. We will miss him. God bless you and your family. -- Sam*

Sam and Betty Jones - October 11, 2012 at 02:37 PM

JC

“*Dear Marihope and Entire Troutman Family, Joe and I are so saddened to hear about Gerry's passing. He was such a neat man and we have such fond memories of his gentle nature and always smiling face. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time and know our prayers are with you. Love, Claire and Joe*

Joe and Claire Cronk - October 10, 2012 at 10:07 PM

LP

“ Dear Marihope and family members: My heart goes out to you in the loss of your beloved husband and father. He was a wonderful person and very accomplished in so many areas in the church and community. He will be remembered by many friends, admirers and associates. I pray that God will bring you peace, reassurance and his grace to you in your grief and the knowledge that Gerry is now in God's heaven where there are no more tears or suffering. My love and prayers are with you, Lynda Stewart Pruden God bless you and keep you forever in his care.

Lynda Stewart Pruden - October 10, 2012 at 03:17 PM

LR

“ Marihope & family, I was sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend Jerry. Jerry and I were roommates at Lenoir Rhyne for four years, and I could not have had a better one. We had a lot in common, both of our fathers and older brothers were ministers, we were a perfect match. I have often thought of our years at L.R. and was so glad to see him and meet you at our 50th reunion. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your Family. Lowell Roof

Lowell Roof - October 10, 2012 at 02:46 PM

DC

“ It is sad for our family that we lose another cousin. But we rejoice in the fact that he will be reunited with Aunt Estelle, Uncle Edwin and Ed. May you find peace in your memories and know how much you were loved. Please know that our hearts go out to each of you. We love you.

Dyan Troutman Cutter - October 10, 2012 at 11:47 AM

FF

“ Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. He was a great man who had a very positive influence on this community. He will be missed.

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - October 10, 2012 at 09:57 AM

AH

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Gerry. I enjoy our chats and looked forward to him coming down and watch our Aikido class in the basement of the health club where he volunteered. My condolences to his family and friends. He was a gentle man with a lions presence. I will miss him.

Art Harrison - October 10, 2012 at 09:17 AM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of cousin Gerry. He truly was a man of God and lived his life to the glory of our Saviour. May you find comfort in knowing that he is joined with Aunt Estelle and Uncle Edwin and Ed in his heavenly home. Our thoughts are with you are this time.

Jackson Brown - October 09, 2012 at 09:38 PM

MD

“ Marihope, So sorry for your loss, but it Is Heaven's gain. Memories will live on and in time sorrow will be less. God bless you and your family. Marian

Marian Hammett Dudash - October 09, 2012 at 09:14 PM

PC

“ He was a wonderful person, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be missed by all. Marihope, my prayers and thoughts are with you. I regret that I will not be able to attend the service.

Peggy Connell - October 09, 2012 at 08:50 PM

RM

“ Marihope, How very sad we were to learn of Gerry's passing. We are so sorry for you, your children and grand children's loss, and we share your grief at this very sad and difficult time for you, knowing that there is little we can say to console you, but know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We know that you will find the strength to get through this most difficult of times with the love of your wonderful family and friends. We end with this quote from Johann Wolfgang v Goethe; "When a wife has a good husband it is easily see in her face". ----- and so it was. Ron & Ellen Morris

Ron & Ellen Morris - October 09, 2012 at 06:58 PM

BG

“ Mary Hope, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I wish I had been able to have the opportunity to have known your husband. From what I have read and heard, he was a wonderful gentleman. The celebration of a long marriage and a life well lived is something to be treasured forever. Keep only the wonderful memories, times of fun and laughter and great moments of love in your heart and especially during this time of grieving. Sincerely and with deepest sympathy, Bettu Smith of Alpha Chapter - Delta Kappa Gamma

Betty Smith-Delta Kappa Gamma - October 09, 2012 at 04:35 PM

CS

“ *Marihope, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. It was an honor to meet and talk with Gerry during our cousins reunions. He will be dearly missed.*

Charles & Christy Shirey - October 08, 2012 at 06:05 PM

SE

“ *Dr. Troutman was always so attentive and kind to each one of us in our family, with a wit and intellect overshadowed only by his graciousness. We are so sad for your loss of this sweet husband, father, grandfather and friend. Our love and prayers to each of you, the Ebersbachs*

Susan Ebersbach - October 08, 2012 at 04:48 PM

PA

“ *Our hearts and prayers are reaching out to you during this difficult time. We too, have lost a dear friend and co-worker. We're wishing you God's peace. We are the Piedmont Newnan Hospital Auxiliary*

Piedmont Newnan Hospital Auxiliary - October 08, 2012 at 10:17 AM

ES

“ *Marihope, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Go slow and take a day at the time. I love you. earlene*

earlene scott - October 08, 2012 at 09:51 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

The Suhr Family - October 07, 2012 at 08:52 PM

DW

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Jerry was my water aerobics buddy and we had good times doing that. He will be missed around the gym. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Dennis Williams - October 07, 2012 at 06:55 PM

PH

“ I will miss Mr. Gerry. He and I exercised at the gym together, and he was dear to my heart. He was the sweetest man. He would talk about his family and I could tell he loved them dearly. Please know that I will certainly miss him.

peggy hall - October 07, 2012 at 04:42 PM