



## Emerson "E.P." Kendall

March 14, 1926 - December 7, 2015

Emerson Porter "E.P." Kendall, a resident of Newnan, GA passed away on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Piedmont Newnan hospital at age 89 due to complications from pneumonia.

Born in Richmond, Indiana on March 14, 1926 to Edith and Ora Melvin Kendall, Sr. E.P. was raised in the rural eastern Indiana town of Chester. He discovered a lifelong passion for aviation while on a family fishing trip as a child. He joined the Navy as soon as he was able and became a naval aviator, flying an array of aircraft and eventually served flying patrol bombers off of Kodiak Island, Alaska. After serving his country, Mr. Kendall flew crop-dusters in the Midwest. It was during this time in 1951 that while dusting in Wisconsin, he met and married Nadine "Dede" Miller. In the same year, E.P. was hired as a pilot for Delta Airlines and was based in Atlanta.

E.P. & Dede lived in College Park, GA while he flew for Delta for 35 years. During his tenure he served on the negotiating committee between the carrier and the pilots union. In the late 70's he was a founding member of the Delta Pilots Assistance Committee (DPAC) and began a life-long commitment of service, helping colleagues find their way back from addiction and into healthier, more productive and spiritual lives through 12-step programs and fellowship. He was an avid fisherman throughout his life and enjoyed working outdoors.

E.P. retired in 1986 and shortly thereafter he and Dede moved to Newnan. He was widowed in 2002 after 50 years of marriage. He is survived by his son

Scott Kendall and wife Christine of Moreland, GA, daughter Linda Harris of Sharpsburg, GA, daughter Julie Nozaki and husband Kirk of Newnan, son Dan Kendall and wife Lesli of Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by grandchildren Evan Kendall, Brandon Kendall, Harper Harris, Kendall Harris, Savannah Kendall Charlotte Kendall and his sister Jean Perkins of Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by his oldest grandchild, Matthew Kendall.

The memorial service is at 3 pm, on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Moreland United Methodist Church in Moreland, GA with Rev. Brian Ridgedell officiating. E.P. will be laid to rest beside Dede at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Macular Degeneration Association or the Food Pantry at the Moreland United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan GA 30263 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

JAN **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Moreland United Methodist Church  
16 Church Street  
Moreland, GA 30259

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Our love and prayers are with the family of E. P. He had a great influence on my life in Birds of a Feather and life in general. We miss him. Love Susan and Denny Walsh*

Denny Walsh - January 23, 2016 at 09:58 AM

BM

“ *No one has ever helped or was that kind to me like Mr. Kendall. I'll miss him and our Monday night Texas Roadhouse dinners. One of the greatest people I have ever met. He is missed and loved always*

Beth macnabb - January 10, 2016 at 12:18 AM

LH

*Thanks Beth! He loved you too!*

Linda Harris - January 14, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JN

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Julie Nozaki - January 04, 2016 at 12:48 PM

BM

*I will greatly miss him and all the kind things he did for me when I had no one. Truly a big hearted man. Always loved and always missed*

Beth macnabb - January 10, 2016 at 12:12 AM

DB

“ *E.P. was one of the kindest men I ever met. He cared deeply about his fellow man and focused his care and attention on pilots in need. It didn't matter if it was the middle of the night or if he was on vacation far away. E.P. would be there for a pilot, his family and friends. And he would know how to carefully handle any situation, with true compassion. E.P. was a man with extraordinary capabilities and also extraordinary humility. What a combination! He knew God's grace and lived a good life, always giving of himself. It was a great example of a life well spent. I am so proud to have known him and to have learned from him.*

*Dave Bushy  
Captain, retired*

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**Dave Bushy** - January 03, 2016 at 06:34 PM

SK

“ *E.P..was a legend in his own time ! He was a "Top Gun" of Delta Air Lines and is a member of the small group of Delta People mentioned in the history of the airline. But E.P. made a great impact in many areas of other people's lives. E.P. was a great leader that EVERYONE looked up to. He had a great sense of humor and was a very considerate and compassionate man. I personally benefitted from E.P.'s guidance not only in flying with him but following his example in teaching and leading men in their initial rehab from addictions. DPAC was a beginning but E.P.'s work goes on!  
Sid Kingry (Retired Captain and Flight Instructor Delta Airlines)*

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**sid kingry** - January 03, 2016 at 07:34 AM

JU

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**Julie** - December 26, 2015 at 09:16 PM

LH

*Love this picture!*

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**Linda Harris** - December 27, 2015 at 01:34 PM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 26, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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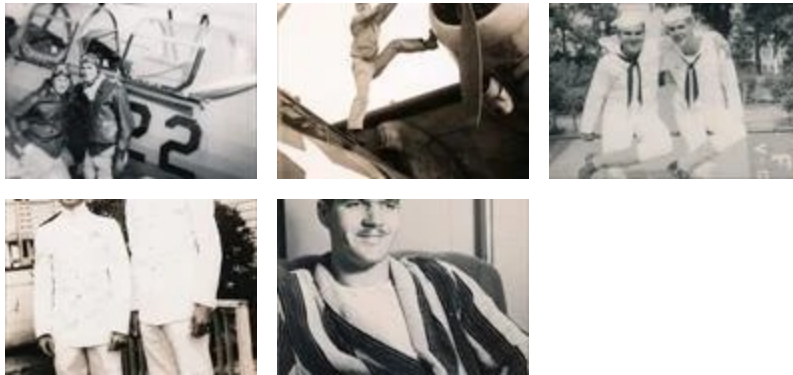
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Julie Nozaki - December 26, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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“ *E.P.*



Julie Nozaki - December 26, 2015 at 08:18 PM

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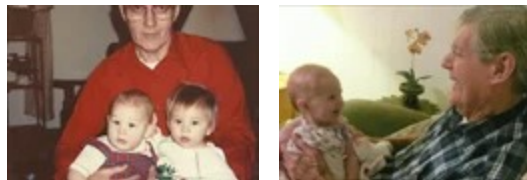
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Julie Nozaki - December 23, 2015 at 07:47 PM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 23, 2015 at 07:45 PM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 22, 2015 at 08:09 AM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 18, 2015 at 08:22 AM

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*EP and Dede at the wedding of son, Dan Kendall and wife, Lesli Kendall on Sept. 5, 1992..*

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**Christine Kendall** - December 22, 2015 at 06:35 PM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 18, 2015 at 08:21 AM

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**Julie Nozaki** - December 18, 2015 at 08:21 AM