



Emory H. Bray

November 7, 1952 - October 25, 2024

Emory H. Bray, age 71, of Carrollton GA passed away peacefully Friday, October 25, 2024 in Panama City Beach Florida. Emory was born to parents Robert Lamar Bray and Ruth Naomi Bray on November 7, 1952 in Atlanta Georgia. In addition to his parents, Emory is preceded in death by his sister, Connie.

A good-looking, charismatic force of nature, Emory was known fondly by many as "Pops", "Pawnman", or "Big E". He graduated from College Park High School in 1970. Emory served his country in the Georgia National Guard, an experience that deepened his love for his nation.

Emory was a lifelong baseball enthusiast, transitioning from a talented baseball player to dedicated coach and loyal Atlanta Braves fan. He also never missed a chance to watch his Georgia Bulldogs play, always up for cheering on the Dawgs with family and friends on game day.

A well-loved figure in the community, Emory was the owner of the Newnan Plaza Pawn Shop and other businesses, where he supported his family and extended his generosity to others, often sharing his quick wit and warm humor with everyone he met.

In his retirement, Emory fully embraced life, often proclaiming, "I wanna go to the beach!" His days were filled with fishing, motorcycle rides, weightlifting,

and basking in the sun. He especially enjoyed deep-sea fishing trips in Costa Rica, relishing the adventure and beauty of the open water. Above all, Emory cherished his wife, family, friends, and his dog Sky, creating countless memories with the ones he loved most.

Emory is survived by his dear wife Jenny Bray; son, Benjamin (Heather) Bray; daughter, Jennifer (Paul) Lisborg; stepson, Shannon (Angie) Monroe; stepdaughter, Sherry (David) Jackson; grandchildren, Dustin Bray, Madison (Ross) Denton, Jaden Bray, Grayson Bray, Ansley McGuire, Addison McGuire, Emma Lisborg, Nathaniel Emory Lisborg and Kendyll (Quentin) Gould; brothers, Richard Bray, (wife deceased Martha), Larry (Jackie) Bray and Kenneth (Anita) Bray.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations be made to Bethesda Baptist Church, 1539 Bethesda Church Road, Carrolton, GA 30117.

A celebration of Emory's life will be held Friday, November 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA with Pastor Tony Morris officiating. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 4-6 PM at McKoon Funeral Home.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

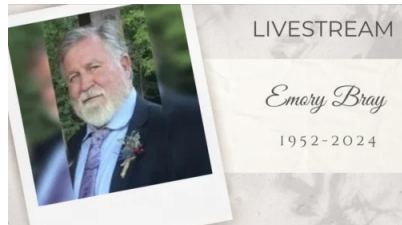
NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



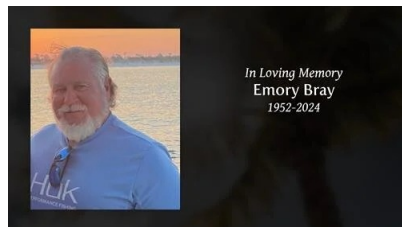
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Emory H. Bray*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 31, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Emory H. Bray*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 31, 2024 at 09:48 AM

B1

“ *I really hated to hear this sad news ,I was friends with Emory all through high school.always was a good guy,*

Billy Howard CPHS 1971 - February 16, 2025 at 02:01 PM

PE

“ *Paula E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emory H. Bray.*

Paula E. - November 13, 2024 at 07:45 AM

PD

“ Pat and Dawn Dye purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Pat and Dawn Dye - November 01, 2024 at 01:56 PM

PD

“ Pat and Dawn Dye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emory H. Bray.

Pat and Dawn Dye - November 01, 2024 at 01:56 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss. This Connie Conkle Jarrell. We graduated together in class of 1970.

connie conkle jarrell - November 01, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emory H. Bray.



October 31, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emory H. Bray.



October 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JH

“ Joe and Melanie Hutchins purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Joe and Melanie Hutchins - October 30, 2024 at 10:52 AM

EB

“ Erin Burkhalter purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Erin Burkhalter - October 30, 2024 at 10:13 AM

KI

“ Ken Seiffert and Staff, State Farm Ins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emory H. Bray.

Ken Seiffert and Staff, State Farm Ins - October 29, 2024 at 08:29 PM

KI

“ Ken Seiffert and Staff, State Farm Ins purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Ken Seiffert and Staff, State Farm Ins - October 29, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emory H. Bray.

October 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Emory H. Bray.



October 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ . purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Emory H. Bray.



. - October 29, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ Richard Bray purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Richard Bray - October 29, 2024 at 03:48 PM

LM

“ Lee and Stephanie Meadors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Lee and Stephanie Meadors - October 29, 2024 at 02:58 PM

FF

“ From Uncle Christ and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emory H. Bray.



From Uncle Christ and Family - October 29, 2024 at 11:51 AM

YF

“ Your Southern Cigar Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emory H. Bray.

Your Southern Cigar Family - October 29, 2024 at 10:09 AM

YF

“ Your Southern Cigar Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Your Southern Cigar Family - October 29, 2024 at 10:09 AM

PF

“ Philip & Michelle Sinyard and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emory H. Bray.

Philip & Michelle Sinyard and family - October 28, 2024 at 09:28 PM

PF

“ Philip & Michelle Sinyard and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Emory H. Bray.



Philip & Michelle Sinyard and family - October 28, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LW

“ Love Brian and Sandy Wooldridge purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Emory H. Bray.

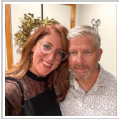


Love Brian and Sandy Wooldridge - October 28, 2024 at 08:23 PM

BW

“ Emory and I go back many, many years. I knew him when his pawn shop was located in the shopping plaza where the Coweta County Justice Center now sits. His customer base were also his friends. Emory always had a twinkle in his eye, and a quick wit. His generosity extended to baseball tickets, use of his beach condo - essentially, whatever he had, he graciously offered to friends and family. He was quick to do a favor, and also quick to make a "deal". His wonderful wife Jenny, was the love of his life. Whatever Emory had on his agenda/calendar - the timing needed to consider Jenny - her needs and wishes. His deep gruff voice was misleading, and my office staff knew it - he was a "softy" (in his heart). The truth is that Emory was a pleasure at all times. I am still stunned over the suddenness of this tragic loss. Emory was an avid weightlifter - he appeared younger than his age. He will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies to Jenny and the extended family.

Brian and Sandy Wooldridge - October 28, 2024 at 08:17 PM



Thank you for sharing these kind words & your fond memories of Emory. He always spoke so highly of you. He was the best husband to my mom & we were all so blessed to have him in our lives.

Sherry Jackson - October 30, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Emory H. Bray.

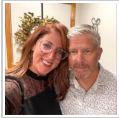


October 28, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MW

“ I met Emory several years ago in the gym! We have been friends since the meeting! Everyone thought highly of Emory because he gave everyone time and attention. We had great conversations about politics and sports. He and I hit it off and became pretty close because we both Coached and have a great interest in kids and their success as students and athletes! His biggest thrill was his family. He loved them all and shared his feelings with me about his wonderful family! I am missing a great friend and will continue praying for his wonderful family! Rest in peace Emory!

Mike Williams - October 28, 2024 at 03:58 PM



Thank you so much Mike. Emory was so glad he had made friends at the gym that he was able to chat with, cut up with, and work out with. He loved to talk and loved to hear stories. I know he's missing his morning gym family.

Sherry Jackson - October 30, 2024 at 11:01 PM



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AD

“ ANGELA DREADON lit a candle in memory of Emory H. Bray

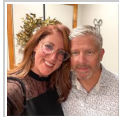


ANGELA DREADON - October 28, 2024 at 03:32 PM

AD

“ I met Emory working at a bank in Newnan. He was always so nice to me and always built me up. What a shock when I heard the news. My heart goes out to the entire Bray family.

ANGELA DREADON - October 28, 2024 at 03:32 PM



Thank you for the kind words Angela. Emory was great at brightening up everyone's day.

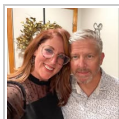
Sherry Jackson - October 30, 2024 at 11:02 PM

LS

“ I remember him all so well at the pawn shop on Greenville St. In Newnan. He always greeted you with a warm smile & and A joke. He helped me out plenty of times. I really was sad to see them move. Rest well Sir.



Linda Swindle - October 28, 2024 at 02:52 PM



Thank you Ms Linda for the kind words. Emory enjoyed talking with and helping out his customers. He always considered them much more than just customers.

Sherry Jackson - October 30, 2024 at 11:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emory H. Bray.*



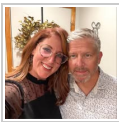
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“ *Emory was a good friend to me over the last 15 + years. When I was first met Emory I was a young banker just returning back to Newnan. He gave me a few great lessons in negotiating as he was one of the best I have ever dealt with. My kids used to love our trips to see "Mr. Emory" at the pawn shop, as he always let them go grab some candy or a soft drink from the cooler. When he sold the pawn shop there was a void in the community, it was always a place to stop in and hear what was going on in town and just have some friendly conversation. We will pray for the entire family during these difficult times, he will be dearly missed by the Conoly family.*

Will, Meredith, Griffin and Myra Conoly

Will Conoly - October 28, 2024 at 01:57 PM



Thank you Will for sharing your fond memories of Emory. I met you many times in the pawnshop as well as a couple in the bank when we purchased our lake home. Emory thought a lot about you and assured us you would take care of us. He may have considered you a businessman & one of his bankers but he considered you a true friend.

Sherry Jackson - October 30, 2024 at 11:15 PM