



Emory Hugh Palmer

July 20, 1943 - December 28, 2021

Emory Hughel "Hugh" Palmer, 78 died peacefully at his home in Newnan on December 28, 2021 after an extended illness. He was born to the late Hugh Livingston Palmer and Charlene Sheppard Palmer in Dublin, Georgia. Hugh spent his childhood and most of his youth in Wrightsville, Georgia where his interest in Boy Scouts and football began. He became an Eagle Scout, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow and attended the 1957 National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Hugh played center on the Wrightsville High School Football Team. In 1959 the family moved to Dublin, Georgia where Hugh continued his interest in football, playing center for the Dublin Fighting Irish who twice won the Class A State Championship. Graduating from Dublin High School in 1961, Hugh continued his education at the University of Georgia where he graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in Education. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

In December of 1966 Hugh married Harriett Willcoxon at the First Baptist Church of Newnan. They settled in Macon where Hugh taught industrial arts at Mark Smith High School. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974 as an Engineer and was honorably discharged. The couple moved to Dublin in 1968 where Hugh owned and operated a small construction firm and was active in Dublin First United Methodist Church. Twice he was elected to the Dublin City Council.

In 1980 the family moved to Newnan and Hugh began working for various construction companies, notably Headley Construction Corporation where he served as the superintendent on the Coweta County Courthouse clock tower restoration project and RA-LIN & Associates, Inc. in Carrollton, Georgia where he served as the construction manager from 1989 to 1991. Hugh served as CEO and President of Jerry L. Johnson & Associates Inc. General Contractors based in Morrow, Georgia from 1991 until 2014 and remained employed as a consultant until his death.

Hugh was an avid Georgia Bulldog football fan. He took great pleasure in sharing his football tickets with family and friends. Redfish and trout fishing in the Golden Isles were among Hugh's favorite pastimes at least partially because of fond memories of attending youth camp at Epworth by the Sea. Quail hunting and fly fishing were also favorite diversions. The latter he more recently enjoyed at his cabin on Davis Creek in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Most important to Hugh were family, his faith and honest work. He will be remembered for his generosity, integrity and stamina.

Hugh is survived by his wife Harriett, sons The Honorable Emory Livingston Palmer (Jennifer) of Newnan, Wilkes Willcoxon Palmer of Atlanta, grandsons Emory Livingston "Bo" Palmer of Athens and Newnan and John Higgins "Jack" Palmer of Newnan; sister Gloria Palmer Morgan (Earl), brother William Alan Palmer (Patsy) of Dublin, Nieces and Nephews. The family is grateful to Sacred Journey Hospice, particularly nurses Lauren Wilkes and Chris Parsons as well as the following caregivers: Augusta Cammon, Priscilla Ransby, Shantrella Tolbert, Cynthia Walton and family friend and nurse Laly Edwards.

A private memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church on December 31, 2021 conducted by the Revered Charles Robinson. The family asks that memorial contributions be sent to Coweta Samaritan Clinic, P.O. Box

963, Newnan, Georgia 30264. Condolences may also be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Harriett, Emory & Jennifer (your boys) , and Will -
I wanted to send my deepest condolences to you all after hearing of Mr.Hugh's passing.
I was deeply saddened upon learning of his passing and I have had you all in my prayers since I heard the news. Our families have known each other for close to a lifetime it seems.Emory and Duffy were such wonderful friends as Will and I were growing up here in Newnan. I always thought the world of Mr.Hugh as I do of you Mrs.Harriett. I will continue to keep you all in my daily prayers and I know how you feel first hand losing your father is something that is always with you and nothing can quite prepare you for it.
Mrs.Harriett , as my precious father said to his four children after we buried our mother over 10 years ago.Your mother loved all you and I know are hurting but I lost my best friend and life partner
....somehow I always remember him saying those words when someone I care for loses a spouse. May the great comforter help you and comfort you during this difficult time.
God Bless you All- Ashley Deacon Brown (Natalie)

Natalie Deacon - February 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM

MF

“ Harriett, I was so sorry to read in the Atlanta newspaper of your husband's passing. I pray you will find comfort in your many happy memories. Marge Frost, January 8

Marge Frost - January 08, 2022 at 02:43 PM

BH

“*Hugh came late to our class but soon became a vital part of it. He was a valuable addition to it in many ways and I mourn his passing. I so appreciate the time he invited Anna and me to spend some time at his mountain cabin in Murphy. We had a lot of fun exploring the area including a visit to nearby Cherokee--the native American part, not the casino. He was a good man who had the wisdom to choose a good wife and we will miss him.*

Betty Cordell Hamrick

Betty Hamrick - January 06, 2022 at 11:57 AM

PC

“*Harriett, so sad of your husband's passing. I pray God will bless you and your family with comfort and warm memories.*

Pamela Cook-Spicer - January 04, 2022 at 07:50 PM

NC

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with you , Reading about his well spent life made me smile. I know you are thankful for the many years you had together. So many memories made.*



Nan Garrett Cosby - January 04, 2022 at 07:39 PM

GW

“*My condolences to the entire Palmer family.*



Geraldine Welch - January 04, 2022 at 06:42 PM

BG

“ Beverly Garner lit a candle in memory of Emory Hugh Palmer



Beverly Garner - January 04, 2022 at 06:09 PM

BG

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and wishing for comfort and peace for your family.
Beverly Garner

Beverly Garner - January 04, 2022 at 06:12 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Hugh's death. I always got a kick out of delivering the GA. BULLDOG. tickets to him. He was like a kid in a candy store! I am not sure if he ever went to the games. He loved giving them away! It was fun knowing him. His smile will be missed

Scott Horne - January 04, 2022 at 02:56 PM

DA

“ I'm sorry for your loss, prayers to the family.



D/S Michael W. Aldredge - January 04, 2022 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.* ”



Jamie Hixson - January 04, 2022 at 01:04 PM

AM

“ *Anna Montford lit a candle in memory of Emory Hugh Palmer* ”



Anna Montford - January 04, 2022 at 11:20 AM