



## George Kenneth Gruber

August 24, 1948 - March 2, 2023

George Kenneth Gruber of Newnan Georgia, 74, passed away at home on March 2, 2023.

He was born August 24, 1948, in Delaware, Ohio to the late Kenneth William and Ellen Frances (Compton) Gruber of Delaware, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his sister, Emma-Jo Gruber, and nephew Frank Richard Hamilton III.

He graduated from Hayes High School, Delaware Ohio in 1966.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, 9th Infantry and served in the Vietnam war from 1968-1969.

Captain George Gruber spent his career flying. He began as a flight instructor in Delaware, Ohio before becoming a corporate pilot. He then flew commercially for Eastern Metro Airlines and American Airlines where he retired in 2011.

He is survived by the love of his life, Ann Crosbie of Newnan, Georgia, daughter Andrea "Drew" (Tim) Hecker, Ostrander, Ohio, grandsons Daniel (Olivia) Wright and Connor Wright, special niece Frances-Jo Hamilton (Jessica Mathews), great niece Marie Hamilton, and great-great niece Delilah

Hamilton.

George will be missed by Heidi, his beloved German Shepherd who adopted him in 2012.

He is also survived by numerous cousins, coworkers and close friends that were a very important part of his life.

Per George's wishes, no services will be provided. A celebration of life, or as George called it "a Party", will be held at a future date in Ostrander, Ohio.

Eternal tailwinds, Captain Gruber.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Ann, so sorry to learn of George's passing. I know he'll be greatly missed. He was always such a fun loving and friendly guy. I'm not sure I've seen him since our days at Hayes, but i can't imagine him any different today.

Please let know when his memorial is planned in Ostrander. I'd love to see you and share a hug. I'd also love to see your family again.

God bless you as you walk this path ❤️

Prayers and sympathy to you and your family...

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**Pam Reed Sellers** - March 12, 2023 at 05:04 PM

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“ Thank you George for two of the best years of my life.  
Charlotte Armstrong Safrit

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**Charlotte** - March 09, 2023 at 08:53 PM

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“ A Darlin' Goofball with a Heart of Gold!  
You'll always have a special place in my heart, George. 🤗

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**Kathy Gardner** - March 08, 2023 at 11:44 PM

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“ George was one of the best and most fun to fly with. He always looked after his crew. Rest easy my friend!! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Pam Mullins** - March 08, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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“ George was a Class Act. He knew when to be Serious and Professional, but he also knew when and how to have fun. I first met and flew with George in 1989 at Eastern Metro Express in ATL, GA. I continued to grow as a Co-Pilot and expand my horizons when we were able to fly together again at American Eagle in DFW from 01/01/1992-11/24/19994.

*I learned so much from George, and was never ANYTHING except GREAT to ME, or anyone else who he ever flew with!!!*

*We shall certainly have a “Party!!! (Per your Request) in YOUR HONOR!!!!*

*BLUE SKIES AND TAILWINDS MY FEIEND!!!*

*Paul Reason  
Newnan, GA.*

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**O. Paul Reason, JR** - March 08, 2023 at 05:29 PM