



## George Wayne Harkins

June 1, 1947 - August 8, 2021

George Wayne Harkins passed away on Sunday, August 8th, 2021, on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina.

He was predeceased by his parents, George D. Harkins and Vanilla Crane Harkins. He is survived by his wife, Sharon E. Harkins (Painter), and his two daughters, Shannon Marie Matheson (Terry Matheson) and Colleen Harkins Puckett (Mark Steven Puckett, Jr.), both of Senoia, GA, and five grandchildren (Thomas Jacob McCaskill, Jayna Rhiannon Matheson, Mark Steven, III, Clara Anne and Colin George Puckett), all of whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by his sister, Re- Ta Miller, of Wytheville, VA, and his brother, Richard D. Harkins (Suzanne Thornton) of Brighton, MI. he is also a presence in Sharon's niece, Paula Leigh Fannin (Cery Fannin) and her children's lives.

George was born in Gainesville, Georgia on June 1, 1947. He enlisted in the Army at 18. His 24-year career included assignments to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, three tours in Vietnam, Thailand, Fort Dix, New Jersey, Greece Maryland, Korea, and Belgium. He retired from the Army as a First Sergeant from Fort McPherson, GA, on May 1, 1989. He was most proud of his service as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division.

He went on to retire again in 2012 from the Atlanta Airlines Terminal Corporation at Hartsfield- Jackson International Airport in Atlanta.

George was an active member of VFW Post 2667 and the American Legion Post 57. He also volunteered his time at Meals on Wheels of Coweta County (MOWOC) and as a courtesy cart driver at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was an avid hunter and loved fishing with Sharon, riding his motorcycle with his many like-minded friends, and spending time with his grandchildren, not necessarily in that order.

The funeral service celebrating George's life is Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. Burial will follow the service at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 PM until service time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests anyone who wishes to express sympathy and remembrance to consider making a donation to the Coweta Veteran's Club, PO Box 71066, Newnan, GA 30271. 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

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of George Wayne Harkins*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - August 15, 2021 at 02:38 PM

JA

“ *I'm George Wayne Harkins oldest granddaughter, and I loved my grandad. He was never good with physical contact and he had difficulty showing emotions at times, but I never doubted that he loved me. It warms my heart to come back years later and see that he's not forgotten, to see how many people's lives he touched. I want to enlist in the military after I graduate to carry on in my grandad's footsteps. I miss my grandad every second of everyday, but seeing how many people cared about him, how many people he helped make things just a bit easier*

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**Jayna** - October 30, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DL

“ *George you were one of the greatest guys I ever known you will be deeply missed, "Kiddo" David Littleford*

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**david Littleford** - August 15, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Wayne Harkins.



August 14, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ I will sure miss George's welcoming smile whenever I enter a Legion or VFW meeting. Thoughts and prayers for the family. John O'Connor

John O'Connor - August 14, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Wayne Harkins.



August 14, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ It was great to ride and hunt with you my old friend. Sharon I am so sorry for your loss!

mike hill (sluggo) - August 14, 2021 at 09:38 AM

JP

“ I’m so very sad to hear of the passing of George Harkins. Growing up I had such fond memories of having him, Sharon, Colleen, and Shannon as my neighbors. You guys are in our deepest thoughts and prayers.

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**jennifer Powers** - August 13, 2021 at 10:49 PM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss Sharon and your family ! 😍 Wish you all best  
Rodney & Jean Smith

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**Rodney smith** - August 13, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of George Wayne Harkins.



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August 13, 2021 at 05:06 PM