



## George Truett Jarrard

August 5, 1918 - December 16, 2008

Attn Lavern

George Truett Jarrard, of Newnan, died Tuesday, December 16, 2008. He was born August 5, 1918 to educators Cicero Jason Jarrard and Mary Cain Jarrard. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Irma Gill Jarrard.

Mr. Jarrard was a graduate of North Georgia College and Georgia Southern University. He received his master's degree from Mercer University and an Education Specialist degree from the University of Georgia. His career in education administration included 39 years in the public schools of Georgia with 10 years as system superintendent of the Screven County schools in Sylvania, GA. The last 10 years of his career were with the Georgia Department of Education where he served as Director of Regional Educational Services for metro Atlanta school systems. Mr. Jarrard held numerous educational leadership positions including those with the Georgia Education Association, representative to the National Education Association, and member of the executive committee of the Georgia High School Association. While in Sylvania, Mr. Jarrard served as president of the Rotary Club, chairman of the board of the Sylvania First Methodist Church, as well as chairman of the Pastor Parrish Relations Committee.

For retirement Mr. Jarrard, with his wife, chose Newnan where he remained active in civic affairs including the Newnan Rotary Club where he was a Paul

Harris Fellow. He served as chairman of the Newnan Tree Commission and as advisor to the commission for the Newnan Streetscapes Project of 2002. He was a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church where he served on numerous committees. He continued to serve on the Newnan Carnegie Library Foundation Committee until his death. Mr. Jarrard was a Certified Master Gardener in Coweta County and during retirement followed an avocation as a horticulturist specializing in exotic plants and flowers. He was an avid traveler and visited sites around the world. He was a voracious reader and a sports enthusiast, learning snow skiing at the age of 50. He had a special affinity for Georgia Football and North Carolina basketball.

He is survived by a son, Dr. G. Truett Jarrard, Jr. & wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Dr. Mary Bess Jarrard Cole & husband, Dr. Geoffrey P. Cole of Athens, GA; four grandchildren, Julie Jarrard, Trey Jarrard & wife, Juliette, Jarrard Cole, MacKinsey Cole; three great-grandchildren, Anna Rae Jarrard, Alexandra Jarrard, Reese Jarrard; and brother, Clisby W. Jarrard of Franklin, TN.

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

The funeral service is Friday, December 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Tyre and Rev. Gary Parrish officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The visitation is Thursday evening between 5:30 & 7:30 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St, Newnan, GA 30263, The Salvation Army, 670 Jefferson St, Newnan, GA 30263 or to the charity of one's choice.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *What a profound influence he had upon the Harris sisters, Connie, Patsy, and Sandra. He strove for excellence for himself and his students. We were indeed fortunate to have had him in Odum for many years and those who attended Odum High School remember him with fondness.*

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**Connie Harris Bishop** - December 20, 2008 at 07:37 PM

WO

“ *May you find comfort, strenght, and encouragement in God and His Holy Word.*

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**WILLIE V. ORR** - December 18, 2008 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ *Bonnie, Truett, Julie & Trey, First...let me offer my condolences for the loss of Mr. Jarrard... I have fond memories of him...and Mrs. Jarrard. Thinking of them/y'all takes me back a while... Sure does bring back GREAT memories of hunts and pig roasts in Oliver, GA... Rocking with Julie in Granddaddy's chair...Rolling around on the floor playing with Trey... WOW...that was a few years ago. Truett...I guess I never will play for UGA...remember those times in the back yard... If only you could throw better...I would have caught more!!! I haven't spoken to y'all in forever, although I do get updates now and then from Mom and Dad. I was looking on WebMD for something and it made me think of Truett... Long story short, that led me to this information. I wanted to respond and send you my thoughts and prayers. All my best during this trying time... Hope all else is well with the entire family!!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS Doug*

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**J. D. Holm, Sr.** - December 18, 2008 at 06:08 AM

DO

“ *Dr. Jarrad, Mrs. Bonnie, Julie, Trey and family members, I'm so sorry for your loss, know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Debbie Orr** - December 17, 2008 at 04:09 PM

SG

“ *Truett, What an influence he and your mom had on my life. Their years in Odum were so productive and they challenged many of us teenagers to strive for goals in our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. What wonderful memories we have to help ease our grief.*

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**sara roberson garner** - December 17, 2008 at 08:37 AM

GF

“ *What a successful and long life. What a great man. I loved talking with him about gardening. I still have a tree from a graft he gave me 15 years ago. He will be missed by all who knew him*

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**Glenn Flake** - December 17, 2008 at 12:58 AM