



## Gerald Kerlin

October 10, 1956 - June 17, 2017

Gerald "Gerry" Kerlin of Newnan, GA, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the age of 60.

Gerry was the son of William and Patricia Kerlin, originally from Arizona and Maryland, but resident of Newnan for 30 years. Family was the most important thing to Gerry, and he leaves behind his wife, Ann, two children, two grandchildren, and two fur babies Chloe and Cocoa. His daughter Amy is married to Marius, and their children are Will and Anna of Sharpsburg. Gerry's son Austin is married to Jennifer and they live in Carrollton. Gerry also was survived by his mother, Patricia Kerlin Hines, nine brothers and sisters, and lots of beloved nieces and nephews.

He was passionate about music, sports and working in his garage. When he was in high school he punted a football completely across the football field and was instantly recruited onto the Varsity team. He played college basketball on scholarship and became a licensed A&P aircraft mechanic. Gerry's love of aircraft led to a 30-year career working as an aircraft mechanic for Eastern Airlines, Northwest Airlines, and Omni International as well as serving as Maintenance Control for Transmeridian Airlines and at Air Tran. In addition, he owned a local auto repair service for several years. His first well-paying job was playing drums in a band as a teenager, and he continued to play music with friends throughout his life.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 4 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, (770) 253-4580, with visitation beginning at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cambridge House Enrichment Center, 2687 Highway 154, Newnan, GA 30263. Gerry was working with them as a volunteer.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 24.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**JUN 24.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Gerry when I was a little kid. He was this cool older guy dating my sister, driving a Mustang, and playing guitar. I idolized him - especially because he played guitar. I talked to Gerry and told him I would like to play. He said if I wanted it, and was willing to put in the practice and work, I should go for it. Gerry had natural talent, but also sought out help from a guitar teacher for something specific he wanted to learn. He helped connect me with his guitar teacher, and for three years I took lessons and I practiced, but it became apparent to me that there are those who can, and those who wished they could. I fell in the latter category. The lesson I took away from Gerry is if you have a dream, go for it. If you want it and work hard to have it, that dream can be yours for the taking. That's what I learned from Gerry, and while my dream of being a guitar hero never materialized, I applied that to other areas of my life and would often think of Gerry telling me to work hard at it, never let anyone tell you that you can't do it, and just go for it. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it, and take a minute to help someone else when they need it.

Gerry was my role model in that way. He was the best "big brother" ever, and Gerry is my "guitar hero."

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**Chris Rotruck** - June 24, 2017 at 11:38 AM

MP

“ Dear Ann, Amy, Austin and family, I am so sorry to hear the news of Gerry's Passing. He was a more than a great friend to me, he was a brother in music. He was the first musician I played with after I moved here from N.Y. to work with NWA. He was a very humble and gentle person, that would always offer you anything that he had. He had a love for people that showed everyday. I am so blessed to have had Gerry as my friend, Co worker, and brother in music. The memories I will cherish most are the times we would play music at his home, with friends from NWA, neighbors, and his family.

To my friend Gerry, God bless you, we will miss you dearly. You are now in Gods Hands.

Our deepest Sympathy,  
Mark & Gail Pietrofere

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Mark & Gail Pietrofere - June 22, 2017 at 11:10 PM

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“ May your many memories cause you to smile often in the difficult days ahead until you meet again.



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nkr~John 5:28,29 - June 21, 2017 at 04:24 PM

LS

“ Luther Rice College and Seminary purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gerald Kerlin.



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Luther Rice College and Seminary - June 21, 2017 at 09:51 AM

JK

“ *Dear Ann and Family,*

*May the Lord bless you with His strong Grace and ever-present Comfort as you remember the love of your husband, dad, and granddad. Love one another and trust in the Lord. You are in our prayers.*

*In His Love,  
Jim & Sandy Kinnebrew*

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**Jim Kinnebrew** - June 20, 2017 at 09:13 PM

GL

“ *Gary & JoLynne, Jason & Regina, Kevin & Leah purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gerald Kerlin.*



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**Gary & JoLynne, Jason & Regina, Kevin & Leah** - June 20, 2017 at 11:28 AM

TB

“ *Tina Billek lit a candle in memory of Gerald Kerlin*



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**Tina Billek** - June 19, 2017 at 03:15 PM

TB

*The heart remembers those we've loved. I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. I pray that the memories and love you shared brings comfort to you during this hard time.*

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**Tina Billek** - June 19, 2017 at 03:25 PM

CK

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Gerry. My condolences to the big family of which he was a part. Christine Kerlin, Cousin

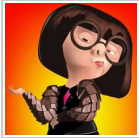
Christine Kerlin - June 19, 2017 at 03:12 PM

RD

“ Robert Douglas purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gerald Kerlin.



Robert Douglas - June 19, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ I tried to find a photo of a recent silly memory of Gerry but didn't have one. At Robert's wedding, Gerry tied my camera to his cane and walked through the reception with it suspended in the air. It was his own version of a Selfie Stick!!!

Mary Davison - June 19, 2017 at 12:38 PM

KL

I'm so sorry for your loss Mary and family. Live the memory of the self stick, he must of had a great personality. As the days go by my you heal and hold on to the memories that will always keep him in your heart.

Kendall Lupari - June 20, 2017 at 09:59 AM