



## Graydon Clinton Burks

December 1, 1927 - July 17, 2017

Graydon Clinton Burks was born in Newnan, Georgia on December 1, 1927; one of five children born to the late Graydon Clines and Agnes Borders Burks. In addition to his parents, Clinton was predeceased by a sister, Christine Banks and a brother Harold Burks. Clinton, as did many of his contemporaries, heeded the call of his country to serve in the military as the storm clouds of World War II were gathering. He was stationed at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan where many combat soldiers were trained including those who would become a part of the Normandy invasion forces. Friendships made there would be those to last throughout his life. Following the service, he returned to Newnan in 1947 and began a 42-year career as an agent for Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company. At the time of his retirement in 1988, he was serving as a district manager. All work and no play would make for a stressful life, so Clinton had no trouble filling up his down time with his love of golf, coaching little league and spending memorable time with his family. He helped organize the Newnan Little League and enthusiastically devoted many hours helping his son Tony become the best ball player he could be. Many happy hours were spent at the Newnan Country Club with friends and his wife Nancy. He may have met his match in trying to offer her tips, as she was competent at the game in her own right! Clinton's greatest joys in life were the times he spent with his family and also his church family during the years he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Nancy's home church, Elim Baptist. Oh, and, yes, he was a great fan of the Braves, his Georgia Bulldogs and the golf channel was in the background whenever he was at home. If there were any questions, he could immediately offer on the spot commentaries. Clinton was a longtime member of The Newnan Country Club and served as an Exalted Ruler for the Newnan Elks Lodge. A defining moment in Clinton's life was his marriage on October 20, 1945 to his beloved Nancy Hardegree. The following years of love and laughter and precious memories would provide a strong foundation as they made a home for themselves and truly lived the example of faithfulness and dedication to each other before their children. His children Tony (and wife Karen) Burks and Debbie (and husband Tom) Stuckey had to look no further than their parents if there was any doubt about how to live a well-grounded life. Clinton cherished his role as a grandfather to Allison (Braulio) and great grandson Jack. He is survived by his sisters Imogene (and

Bobby) Rooks, Elizabeth (and Charles) Gordon along with many nieces and nephews. Family friend Dennis Drewyer, self proclaimed oldest son, and wife Cheryl were always close by. Maggie Corbett, devoted and loving caregiver, holds a special place in the family's hearts, and Brookdale staff cared deeply about him as well. Clinton's life will be lovingly remembered in a service to be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home led by Dr. Winford Hendrix and Pastor Chip Gordon. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home at 38 Jackson Street. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Elim Baptist Church 1529 Handy Road Newnan, GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# 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

**JUL 20.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MT

“ Ms. Nancy & Debbie,

*I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Clinton's passing. I did not hear about it until recently. Our families spent a lot of time together through the years and have some great memories. Mr. Clinton will be missed by many. I will always remember what a great smile he had. May God give you both the peace & comfort needed in the difficult days ahead. My thoughts & prayers are with you.*

*Mary Jane Thompson*

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**Mary Jane Thompson** - July 26, 2017 at 01:38 AM

PV

“ Nancy,

*Mary Anna and I are so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of you and Clint playing golf together, particularly in the Scotch Foresomes. We played with you two several times. Both of you were so outgoing and had so many friends. You made the meals after golf so much fun. What a wonderful couple you two were.*

*May God bless you and your family,*

*Phil and Mary Anna Vincent*

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**Phil Vincent** - July 22, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 19, 2017 at 12:58 PM

SU

*RIP, you will be sadly missed, prayers offered for Nancy and the family*

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**Susanna** - July 23, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Graydon Clinton Burks.*



July 19, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *52 files added to the album LifeTributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 19, 2017 at 09:45 AM

FF

“ *We are sorry to hear about Mr. Clint. Our prayers are with you.*  
*Frank and Melody Farmer*

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - July 19, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Graydon Clinton Burks.*



July 18, 2017 at 05:30 PM

PW

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Clint's death. I enjoyed visiting him every month with the Newnan-Coweta Humane Society. We will miss him. Comfort and blessings for the family.*  
*--Penny*

Penny Wilson - July 18, 2017 at 03:09 PM

DJ

“ Dear Elizabeth, Imogene and the Burks Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of clinton's death. He was a fine person and made many people happy. May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during this time of sorry.  
Don and Mildred Jones

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**Don and Mildred Jones** - July 18, 2017 at 02:39 PM

SH

Where do we start with the memories? It seems that Clint was always a part of the Hardegree clan. Such wonderful times together... lots of laughter and fun, food galore as Mama was the best cook around. We cherish those memories as a close knit family and still remaining so after the parents are gone. Nancy, Tony, and Debbie, our hearts are broken with you that the great times pass, but we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that, as Christians, a better life awaits us all. Clint is already there at the feet of Jesus. We love you. Steve and Nancy

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**Steve and Nancy Hardegree** - July 19, 2017 at 09:49 AM

DG

Oh, Nanny and your wonderful family....my heart aches, because of the loss of Clinton. He was such a fine person. My thoughts and prayers are with you, always!

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**Deborah Donovan Glover** - July 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM

JE

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, Debbie. Thinking of you all during this sad time.

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**Jennifer Welch Egas** - July 21, 2017 at 09:58 PM