



## Harold Smith Hammond

March 7, 1920 - August 23, 2017

Harold (Crip) Smith Hammond, age 97, died Wednesday, August 23, 2017 after a brief illness. He was born March 7, 1920 in Roopville, GA to Ida Ruth Smith Hammond and Dr. George Willis Hammond. In addition to two brothers, George Willis, Jr. and Bobby, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Pollyanna Prather Hammond. After graduating from Newnan High School and attending North Georgia College, Crip worked as the assistant business manager at Georgia Tech. In World War II, he served in the Navy for 44 months and was honorably discharged with the rank of Chief Yeoman. His naval duties began on an escort ship, the USS Dickerson. He eventually took part in the invasion of Palermo, Sicily aboard the PC 559 and did reconnaissance in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, and North Africa. While the ship was in dry dock in January 1941, he married Pollyanna Prather. The couple went on to have four children, Bill, Merry, Roxie, and Cris. After the war, Crip worked as a teller at the Manufacturers National Bank, and eventually was promoted to President in 1965. After he retired, he was recruited to become the president of a new bank, the Bank of Newnan, which is now part of Regions Bank. His career in banking spanned 43 years. Crip served in a voluntary capacity for several local boards and civic organizations including Newnan Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, local chapter of the American Red Cross and Coweta County Hospital Authority. He was also a member of the American Legion, Shriners, VFW, Masons, Elk, Atlanta Commerce Club, and Newnan Country Club. Harold was raised in the

Newnan First United Methodist Church. In his later years, he joined Central Baptist Church. He is survived by children Bill Hammond (Chris) of Smyrna, GA, Merry Todd (Pat) of Newnan, GA, Roxie Clark (Danny) of Moreland, GA and Cris Hammond (Krissi) of Dacula, GA. His grandchildren include David Funk of Lagrange, GA, Chris Finch (Robert) of Ooltewah, TN, Polly (Will) Wilson of Ooltewah, TN, Kim Clark of Newnan, GA, Alexa Coggin (Drew) of Palmetto, GA, Crystal Schaeffer (Christopher) of Hogansville, GA and Nate Hammond of Dacula, GA. There are twelve great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Hulett Hammond and sister-in-law, Barbara Hammond of Gainesville, GA, a sister-in-law, Mary Hammond of Newnan along with an extended family of nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Visitation at the funeral home for friends and family will be held Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The service to honor the life of Harold Hammond will be Monday, August 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Central Baptist Church, Newnan, GA. and will be led by Dr. Joel E. Richardson and Dr. Winford Hendrix. Those who may wish to honor his memory, may do so by contributions to Central Baptist Church 14 West Broad Street Newnan GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**AUG 28.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St.  
Newnan, GA 30264

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Sending my love & prayers to Crip's family. I cleaned house for him for several years & he was always so kind & sweet to me. I appreciate how good he was to me & enjoyed seeing him every couple of weeks. He had a great sense of humor & I loved to hear him laugh. May memories comfort his children & family during this sad time.* ”



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**Jenny DeFayette** - August 28, 2017 at 11:25 AM

MJ

“ *Merry: I was saddened to hear, from my nephew Ronny, the passing of your Dad. He was a special friend to my Dad from his banking years and my Uncle JT, when he came into town for golf. My prayers are with you and your family.* ”

*Marty Jones*

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**Marty Jones** - August 28, 2017 at 10:55 AM

MR

“ *Roxie & Danny,  
We are so very sorry for your loss, your family will be in our prayers during this difficult time.* ”  
*Matt & Susie Ransone*

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**Matt & Susie Ransone** - August 27, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *Merry & Roxie,  
Sorry to hear about your Dad passing. Knowing he is now in a better place and rejoicing with Mrs. Polly and the rest of his friends. Speak his name often to keep the memories alive. Sending prayers to everyone involved.*

*Angela Smith Alexander*

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**Angela Alexander** - August 27, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Smith Hammond.*



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August 26, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *"Mr. Harold" was a friendly, smiling presence in the gentlemen's S.S. assembly for whom I played piano when I first met him. It was obvious that he was well liked, liked a good laugh and joke, and generally was at peace with folks. He gave much of himself to his family and church and found life good. He leaves a wonderful legacy and was blessed with long life. To you his family, God's peace and comfort, and my blessings and prayers.*

*Menlia Trammell*

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**Menlia Trammell** - August 26, 2017 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Robin Barron Mann lit a candle in memory of Harold Smith Hammond



Robin Barron Mann - August 26, 2017 at 07:33 AM

GW

“ Bobby and I send our sincere condolences on Mr. Hammond's passing.

Geraldine and Bobby Welch - August 26, 2017 at 07:13 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harold Smith Hammond.



August 25, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 25, 2017 at 01:40 PM

LH

“ *Roxie: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family, and may God comfort you and grant you peace at this time.*

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**Liz Hughie** - August 25, 2017 at 11:40 AM

KS

*Kevin Shelton :Mr. Crip and Miss Polly were a huge part of my life growing up.As Miss Polly would say and mr. Crip always did, just Doodley do right and everything will be okay. Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all. The Shelton Family*

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**Kevin Shelton** - August 26, 2017 at 05:45 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Harold Smith Hammond.*



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August 25, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DJ

“ *Dear Cris, Krissi and all Family Members,  
We are sorry to hear of Harold's death. We have known Harold for many years, as a banker and as a Friend, he was an extra good person and has a good Family.  
May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and Contentment during this very difficult time.  
God loves you and we do too,  
Don and Mildred Jones*

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**Don and Mildred Jones** - August 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM

FF

“ Our prayers are with all the family. Mr. Crip was one of a kind. He could always put a smile on my face. He helped make Newnan a great place back in the days when he worked in the banking business. I bet he is playing golf and telling a great joke somewhere right now. Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK FARMER - August 25, 2017 at 09:10 AM

BW

“ Mary, So sorry to see you last night and learn of the death of Mr. Harold. He was such a good person and always had a smile on his face, I know he loved to attend the Masters. He and I talked about it just about every year. He is a true southern Gentleman who will be missed by many in Newnan and surrounding areas. Our prayers for you and your family. Love, Beth and Jimmy Walker

Beth and Jimmy Walker - August 25, 2017 at 06:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Smith Hammond.



August 24, 2017 at 11:12 PM

FF

“ From, your Hamilton Mill Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Harold Smith Hammond.



From, your Hamilton Mill Family - August 24, 2017 at 11:58 AM

LG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace to be with you all.

*Love, Tom and Lynette*

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**Lynette Grimaldi** - August 24, 2017 at 11:36 AM