



## Harry "Clay" Barber, III

September 19, 1964 - June 22, 2023

Mr. Harry "Clay" Barber, III, 58, of Newnan, Georgia, formerly of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023. He was born September 19, 1964, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Harry Clainard Barber, Jr. and Virginia Hardwick Barber Herring. He was preceded in death by his father.

Clay grew up in the Cahaba Heights neighborhood of Birmingham, Alabama where he graduated from Shades Valley High School in Homewood, Alabama in 1983. He continued his education at Samford University in Homewood where he played baseball before graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance with a minor in English in 1987. Shortly after graduating from Samford University, Clay married his wife Janet on June 6, 1987. Clay's professional life started at SOS Technologies where he worked with his father Harry before starting his mortgage company, ATC Mortgage.

In addition to his wife and profession, Clay had many passions in life. Clay was a devout Christian. He enjoyed life to the fullest, working and playing hard. Clay enjoyed shooting sports and was an avid hunter. He also enjoyed motorsports, from sports cars to 4x4 trucks, ATVs, even his trusty tractor for yard work. You could putt on the front lawn, just watch out for the Great Danes and other great dogs that were always by his side. Clay did not do anything halfway. If it could be done, then it could be done properly; all that it required was a little research and hard work. But perhaps Clay's greatest passion in life

was his passion for helping others. Clay touched many lives through both his profession and his hobbies. Clay was the very definition of a good friend.

The funeral is Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, Georgia with Pastor Bryan Alexander officiating. The visitation is prior to the funeral on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 4:00 o'clock to 6:00 o'clock at McKoon Funeral Home. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Kidz Outdoors ([www.kidzoutdoors.org](http://www.kidzoutdoors.org)). Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

Survivors include his wife Janet Morrison Barber; son-to-him Kyle (Erin) Davis of Littleton, Colorado; mother Virginia Hardwick Barber Herring of Chelsea, Alabama; stepmother Wilma Wilson Barber of Buford, Georgia; mother-in-law Beverly Bates Morrison of Birmingham, Alabama; sisters Sharon Barber (Darrell) Pace of Dora, Alabama, Julie Brady (Keith) Freeman of Buford, Georgia, Dee Barber of Chelsea, Alabama; sister-in-law Lisa Morrison (Charlie) Ingram of Enterprise, Alabama; niece Morgan Barkley (Jake) Savage of West Kirby, England, Ashleigh (Joseph) Burnett of Alabaster, Alabama, Courtney Barkley of Hoover, Alabama, Madison Freeman of Buford, Georgia; nephew Zachary (Maddie) Barkley of Durham, North Carolina, Harrison Clay Barber of Chelsea, Alabama, Dalton Freeman of Buford, Georgia, Danny Ingram of Enterprise, Alabama, Matthew (Jordyn) Ingram of Mobile, Alabama; grandchildren-to-him Riley Davis of Littleton, Colorado and Eryc Davis of Littleton, Colorado.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JUN 29. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Harry "Clay" Barber, III*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 29, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry "Clay" Barber, III*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 27, 2023 at 03:45 PM

MG

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Clay passing. I send hugs and prayers to Janet. I was blessed to have known him and share stories mostly about dogs. Janet stay strong.*

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**mary Gahring** - July 06, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JM

“ I did not know Clay personally but I work with his precious wife, Janet. Janet is a wonderful nurse and dear friend to all that have the privilege of working with her. Her love for Clay and her fur babies was often shared at work.

I am so glad that I was able to attend the funeral and get to know a little more about the outstanding person that Clay was. The pastor did a beautiful job sharing the “life” of Clay with all of us in attendance. Even in death Clay has changed my life and has encouraged me to be a better person. I will work on my personal relationship to Jesus Christ and look forward to seeing Clay in Heaven one day.

We will surround Janet with love and hopefully be able to provide a little bit of comfort during this time of great loss. Love and prayers for all of Clays family and friends!

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**Joy Moye** - June 30, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.



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June 29, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.



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June 29, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.*



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June 28, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.

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June 28, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Clay. Looking at the pictures of him when he was younger as a little boy is how I remember him @ Philadelphia Baptist. Looks so much like his sweet Mama.

*My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️😭

*Susan Holccombe Wideman*

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**susan wideman** - June 28, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.*



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June 27, 2023 at 06:32 PM

MH

“ Ms Virginia I’m sorry for you loss. My condolences goes out to you and your family. A big hug to you and prayers 🙏🙏



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**maria hodges** - June 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

PP

“ Sorry for your lost. Dee, Barbara, Sharon. Thinking of you.

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**Patsy Parker** - June 26, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JF

“ Jerry & Loretta Bates and Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.



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**Jerry & Loretta Bates and Family** - June 26, 2023 at 04:08 PM

WK

“ We always loved Clay. He would come by to talk to us, and we enjoyed his visits. Precious young man who loved the Lord. We are praying for his family , and trusting the Lord to comfort them. Wayne & Jennella King, Wilsonville, AL

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**Wayne & Jennella king** - June 26, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Harry "Clay" Barber, III.*



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June 26, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *When Clay was younger (1980s), we went fishing in a lake across from his grandparents' home in South Georgia. He caught what may have been a record Bass for that lake and we put it in a #3 wash tub but it wouldn't fit ... hung out both sides!  
We hid the tub out of sight behind the house so we could continue fishing the "hot spot".*

*When we stopped for the day an hour or so later, Clay went to get the fish to show his grandparents, get pictures, and then to get it mounted. But there wasn't a fish in the tub.*

*We had looked for it a few minutes when his grandfather "Doc" came up. Clay told him what he was looking for. "Doc" told him he saw it and thought he'd be helpful, so he cleaned the fish he found. He then gave the fillets to Clay's grandmother to cook for dinner.*

*Clay's face went flush!*

*Charlie (Joyce) Mesurac (Uncle)*

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**Charlie Mesurac** - June 26, 2023 at 02:08 PM

EH

“ I remember when Clay and I moved his cousin (Missy) home from college in Texas in Daddy’s old Ford truck in 1982, I think. What a trip!

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**Ellis Hardwick** - June 26, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JM

“ Free of pain. However, we now hurt with your absence. Forever in our hearts.

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**Joyceann Barber Morris** - June 26, 2023 at 01:19 PM