



## Harvey Phillip Tidwell

July 15, 1925 - April 13, 2017

Mr. Harvey P. Tidwell, 91, of Newnan passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital after a short illness. He was born in Alvaton, GA on July 15, 1925 to Frank and Jessie Pearl Mathews Tidwell. Growing up he attended school in Alvaton. He was a WWII veteran serving in the Army in the Pacific area. He was a welder for about 15 years with the R.D. Cole Company in Newnan. During the Civil War Centennial in 1961, R. D. Cole held a beard growing contest and Harvey won. He and his family dressed in 1861 style to ride in an old steam locomotive into Newnan for a parade through town. In midlife he changed occupations and became an agent with Liberty National Life Insurance Company. He won several Company awards and retired from there in 1982. Some of his jobs in retirement included plant caretaker for Holiday Inn and babysitter for his grandsons. He was a member of Bethel UMC near Senoia for over 60 years. Harvey enjoyed talking to people and sharing a funny story or joke. As he got older his hearing almost disappeared due to his driving Sherman tanks during WWII and his work on welding inside giant water tanks for R. D. Cole. He learned to read lips to help him understand what people were saying. Family reunions for the Tidwell and Mathews families were held each year from the time he was a young boy. Whenever Harvey and his brothers (and later his nephews) would get together a game of Rook would soon be started. He is survived by son, John B. Tidwell of Raymond; daughter, Kathy Madden (Jim) of Sharpsburg; daughter in law, Pat Tidwell of Newnan; grandsons

Austin Tidwell (Agata) of Newnan; Akom Tidwell (Lindsay) of Newnan; Alex Madden (Hailey) of Sharpsburg; great grandchildren, Henry and Mara Tidwell of Newnan; sister, Betty Brown of Cataula, GA and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Ruth Crawford Tidwell; his eldest son, Harvey Phillip Tidwell, Jr. (Phil); brothers, Irl, Johnny, Frank, Pierce, and James Roy ; sisters Dorothy (Dot) Buce and Lucretia Buchanan. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

The funeral service will be on Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Pastor Vaidas Krasauskas will officiate. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. on April 22 before the service.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263,  
770—253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Mr Tidwell. He was our insurance agent for many years. Always such a nice and personable man.



Theresa Allen - April 20, 2017 at 04:31 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Tidwell. He was a sweet man.

Peggy Tinsley Hall - April 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM

MC

“ Our family always loved Mr. Tidwell, he was our life insurance agent when I was a little girl, he always came to the house to collect the insurance premium monthly, I remember he used to always give us pencils. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing.

Marsha Couch - April 20, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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We always enjoyed seeing Mr. Harvey at the Alvaton School Reunion each year. He always had a joke and a smile for everyone! We will certainly miss him and his pleasant spirit! May God bless his sweet family!

Perian & Bettie Calhoun

bettie calhoun - April 20, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and Prayers are with your entire family. I have known Mr. Tidwell since I was a little girl, my parents bought insurance from him and we all loved him like he was family. He was always so happy and he was always smiling!  
Rest in Peace Mr. Tidwell

*Darry & Debbie (Rooker) Walker*

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**Debbie N Walker** - April 20, 2017 at 03:44 AM

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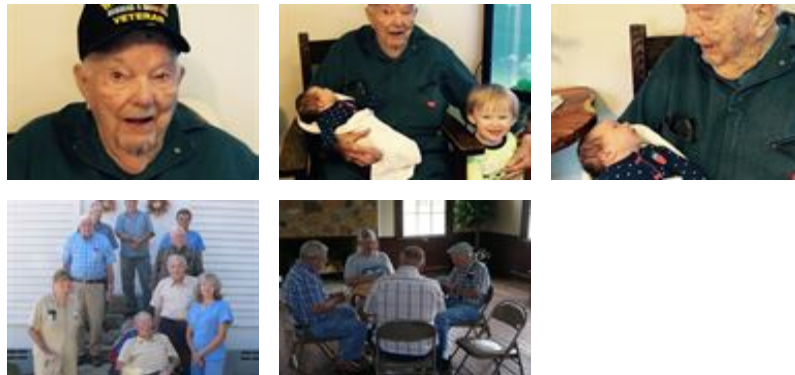
So very sorry for your loss. I remember him selling insurance. Every one had the highest respect for your dad and no one ever said a bad word against or about him. Prayers sent your way. Patti and Kenny Dewberry

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**Patti Dewberry** - April 21, 2017 at 05:48 PM



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM