



## Hollis Taylor Landrum

August 14, 1945 - August 29, 2023

Hollis Taylor Landrum, Jr., 78 of Newnan, Georgia, passed away on August 29th after a hard-fought battle with Parkinson's disease.

Hollis was born on August 14, 1945, to Hollis and Erna Landrum in Vicksburg, Mississippi. After graduating from Moss Point High School, he went on to achieve a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi.

After college graduation, he went to work for the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Mississippi as a writer and later for the Corp of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi as information system management specialist in the research library. While there he was awarded the prestigious Commander's Award for Civilian Service from the United States Army.

Hollis met Susan Minniece, the love of his life and they wed in 1968. Their 55th wedding anniversary was celebrated this year on May 25th.

Hollis served in the United States Airforce where he achieved the rank of Captain.

Being a lifetime learner, Hollis enjoyed attending classes at different education facilities. He continued his education by attending the University of Mississippi

where he received a master's degree in library science. Hollis also received a Doctorate in Philosophy at the University of North Texas.

After retiring, Hollis and Susan moved to Newnan, Georgia where he continued his lifelong passion of playing different instruments and participating in several bands across Mississippi and Georgia. He was awarded National Dulcimer Championship in 1997 and published many articles, as well as an instructional book for the dulcimer. His love of playing and learning music never wavered even up to his death.

Hollis was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his spouse Susan Landrum, his sister Judy Pierce (spouse James Pierce and five children) of Byhalia, MS; his sister, Mary Elizabeth (Scooter) Brewster (spouse Bubba Brewster and four children) of Hot Springs, AR; and his brother Dr. William (Rip) Landrum (spouse Louise Landrum and son) of Villa Rica, GA.

Hollis will be missed by all, but he has left a legacy of always learning and creating beautiful, inspirational music.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Hollis and I graduated from Moss Point High School together and were on the "Tiger Flash" school newspaper staff and the Executive Council. He was President of the Glee Club and the student manager for our basketball team. He was one of the nicest, smartest people I knew. As with many friends we went our separate ways after high school and it is ironic that in retirement he went to Newnan GA and I retired to Opelika AL. I wish I had known he was that close. What a wonderful person and a wonderful life. May he rest in God's hands and may his family be assured that he was loved by many.*

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**Al Thomson** - October 08, 2023 at 07:35 PM

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“ *I have so many great memories of Hollis playing music! He formed an Irish band and I was blessed enough to be asked to play in it. We had some regular gigs around Newnan and Senoia and we played weddings and special events especially around St. Patricks Day! Hollis could play any instrument he got his hands on, but was especially talented on the hammered dulcimer. I could listen to him play that all day. I remember going to his house for rehearsals and greeting his lovely wife Susan, his mother and their beloved dogs! Susan, I hope your memories of Hollis and his music bring you peace. Tamara Grizzle*

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**Tamara Grizzle** - September 23, 2023 at 08:55 PM

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*Hollis and I met through the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southern Mississippi, and we graduated together in 1967. Our fathers were ordained United Methodist ministers and friends. We renewed our friendship in the 70's after I returned from Japan missions. Hollis was the most gifted person I have ever known and a kind, very loyal friend. He brought life to any musical instrument he touched. His intellect knew no bounds, and he left me far behind on the deep subjects we often pondered together. His last call to me earlier this year was from a Georgia hospital. He shared the best news ever from his longtime pursuit of absolute Truth. However, I had little idea about the seriousness of his illness. I will never forget Hollis Landrum, and I will always miss him. Love and condolences to his beautiful wife Susan and the extended Landrum family.*

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**Jim Waddell** - October 09, 2023 at 04:07 PM