



Ira Pat Shepherd

February 28, 1948 - February 4, 2012

Pat Shepherd of Newnan passed away at his home February 4, 2012 after a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Griffin, Georgia, February 28, 1948 and was raised in Newnan. He graduated from Newnan High School in 1966 where he was salutatorian. He received his B.B.A. in Banking and Finance from the University of Georgia in 1970 and continued his education at the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking. His career in the banking industry spanned over forty-eight years beginning when he was in high school. He served as vice president of Manufacturers National Bank of Newnan and First National Bank of Newnan. He next served as the vice president and senior lending officer for Peachtree National Bank and then was chief executive officer and president of Fayette County Bank in Peachtree City. In 1999 he was named director of The Bank of Georgia and at the time of his passing he served as the bank's president and chief executive officer.

An avid outdoorsman, his love for hunting and fishing showed in his continual support for the national conservation group Ducks Unlimited. He spent over 30 years raising funds for and awareness of the organization, first in the Coweta County chapter and then in Fayette County, where he served as secretary/treasurer. In addition, he served as the State Treasurer of Georgia Ducks Unlimited. In 2011, the Fayette County chapter presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and fund-raising efforts.

He served as a board member for Sales and Marketing of the Mid-West Georgia Homebuilders Association, was a member of the Community Bankers Association, and the Peachtree City Kiwanis Club. He supported the Boy Scouts of America, including service as the finance chair of the local chapter. Mr. Shepherd is the son of the late Ira and Mary Shepherd of Newnan, and he is survived by his wife of 30 years, the former Connie Cunningham. Children include daughter Amy Tallent and husband Bob of Vonore, Tennessee, son Pat IV and wife Brandie of Newnan, son Robert also of Newnan, and the late Jenny Whitlock of Turin. Grandchildren include Jonathan Strong; Bobby and Christian Tallent; Arysa Horn; Joshua, Noah, and Katie Whitlock. Other surviving family members include sisters Ann Smith and husband Bruce of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Susan Prosser and her husband Butch of Fayetteville.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com Services will be held Wednesday, February 8 at 11:00 AM at Dogwood Church in Tyrone. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan Tuesday, February 7. Pastor Keith Moore to officiate. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

The family is requesting donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Johns Hopkins University to aid in their pancreatic cancer research. Please send donations to Ralph H. Hruban, M.D., Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions 401 North Broadway, Weinberg 2242 Baltimore, MD 21231-2410.

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

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dogwood Church
975 Hwy 74 S.
Tyrone, GA 30290

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Pat was a very special person. He will always stay in our hearts.*

Joe Joann Tesar - February 09, 2012 at 08:51 PM

DM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. I went to Newnan High with Pat. Our prayers are with the family that God gives comfort and peace at this time. God bless.*

Dr. & Mrs. (Pat) Gene Minix - February 09, 2012 at 12:37 PM

RP

“ *Our prayers go out to the Shepherd family in this time of loss. Please know that we are thinking of you all. The Pattersons*

Robin Patterson - February 09, 2012 at 09:49 AM

DL

“ *Connie and Family, I am saddened to hear of Pat's passing. He was a good man and a great boss. I am honored that I was fortunate in having worked with Pat for many years during my banking career. He was always in a great mood and made work enjoyable. My deepest condolences are with your family during this difficult time. May God Bless you always. God has called a true angel home.*

Darlene Laudicina - February 09, 2012 at 08:46 AM

WB

“ *I haven't seen Pat in a long time; but we had some real good times together in high school. He was always kind and friendly to me. I cherish the time I had with him. God got a good man!*

William Bynum - February 09, 2012 at 01:15 AM

GM

“*Connie, Pat and I wish to extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. I first met Pat about 1981, and through all the years he was always one of my favorite bankers. He was always genuine, honest, and forthcoming, and I place a great value on those attributes. My wife Pat and I always enjoyed our time with both of you at those conventions and conferences we attended. God bless you and your family always. Gary & Pat McGaha*

Gary & Pat McGaha - February 08, 2012 at 07:58 PM

BK

“*I extend my condolences to Pat's family. Pat and I were classmates at NHS (Class of '66). His intelligence, high standards, and friendly nature were greatly admired. He lived the life that we all expected he would--a respected family man, a successful banker, a valued contributor to the community, and a trusted friend. He will be missed.*

Bill Kitchens - February 08, 2012 at 10:44 AM

BB

“*Ann and I are saddened to hear about Pat. He was a great friend. I have fond memories of his vision and leadership as we worked together at Fayette County Bank. Our thoughts are with your family.*

Bob Bertelsbeck - February 08, 2012 at 10:38 AM

RT

“*so sorry to hear that Pat had lost his battle with cancer. i had alot of respect for Pat as a busineman and has a long time friend. may God be with you Connie, and all the family. God Bless, Roger*

Roger Thompson - February 08, 2012 at 09:00 AM

GA

“ I am very sad to hear of Pat's passing. We were good friends and neighbors during our high school years. May God be with Pat's wife and children, and all family members during this difficult time. Gary Aldridge, formally of Northside Drive in Newnan.

Gary Aldridge - February 08, 2012 at 12:03 AM

MT

“ With deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Marilyn Trautman - February 07, 2012 at 08:57 PM

DL

“ Dear Connie, Ann, Susan, and all the family, My heart goes out to you all. Pat was my classmate, my neighbor, my playmate, and my friend. There were weeks on end each Summer when no day went by without Pat, Roger Kelley, Johnny Smith, and I playing baseball on the Elm St School playground, basketball in Pat's backyard, or football in the street (either Northside Dr or Powell Place) until the sun was fully down. Then too, Pat always got the best of me when trading baseball cards--shrewd trader that he was. The times we had were grand indeed. So long, my Friend!

David Lifsey - February 07, 2012 at 08:12 PM

GW

“*Connie, Pat, Robert, Amy and the rest of the Family. I was So Sorry to read about Pat's passing. May God be with you All during this time of need. I know he will be missed by many. I worked with Pat from 1970 till around 1988. I have some Wonderful Memories from Work, the Braves Games, Duck's Unlimited, Fishing the surrounding counties and Trout fishing in the early 70's, Deer Hunting all the surrounding counties. Pat was a Fun Boss to hang out with. God now has a Special Angel who is now at peace without pain. He will be waiting on us...God Bless You Pat..!!*

Gary Warren - February 07, 2012 at 07:32 PM

JB

“*All of us at the Georgia Bankers Association extend our sympathy to Pat's family and his colleagues. He was the epitomy of a great community banker and he will be missed by all of us who knew him so well and respected him so much. Joe Brannen President Georgia Bankers Association*

Joe Brannen - February 07, 2012 at 06:00 PM

HS

“*My family was lucky enough to move next door to Pat and Connie in 1995. God really blessed us with the chance to meet the Shephards. I will hold the memories of our poolside bbqu's forever. Even watching Pat lay on his float and threaten anyone who came close to him, since he did not know how to swim. lol!! What an addition to Heaven. I love you Mama Connie and will pray for your healing.*

Heather Jackson Spivey - February 07, 2012 at 04:45 PM

JM

“ My condolences to Pat's family . I was a friend of the Shepherd family,especially with Ann. My sister, Carolyn , and I went to school with Pat and Ann and lived for a few years on Powell Place. I know we have lost contact over the years with you all, but childhood friendship last in our memories forever. May God bless and keep you all and help you through your grieving. Janet Long Morgan

Janet Long Morgan - February 07, 2012 at 04:29 PM

JM

“ To the family of my Newnan High Classmate: I'm extremely sorry to hear of Pat's death. Pat was a really great person then as I'm sure he always was during life. I always enjoyed being around him and will sincerely miss him. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Jim Madden - February 07, 2012 at 03:43 PM

JF

“ I graduated with Pat from NHS in 1966 and also attended UGA with him. I have fond memories of those wonderful days. Ironically, my wife and I were eating lunch a few months ago in Fayetteville, GA and was introduced to Pat's son Robert at a local restaurant. I inquired about Pat and was sad to learn of his illness. My prayers go out to the entire family.

Jimmy Ferrell - February 07, 2012 at 03:08 PM

VH

“ Connie, I can not even begin to say how sorry I am for your loss of Mr. Pat Sheperd. He was a wonderful farmer in Farmville, a great friend on facebook, and even more so a Great Boss. He will be truly missed.

Valerie Haywood - February 07, 2012 at 12:19 PM

BT

“*Connie and Family, You have my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved husband, father, brother and friend to all of you. I know pat is in a better place and out of pain. He will keep a watch i am sure. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as deal with the loss. Love and Prayers. Sincerely Betty Trout*

betty trout - February 07, 2012 at 11:42 AM

CS

“*Mrs. Connie Shepherd and Family, On behalf of the entire association, I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to all of you during this time of deep sorrow. Pat was a former CBA Board member and a loyal supporter of the association. He was the ultimate professional and the community banking industry has lost a great colleague and friend. All of us were very priviledged to have known and worked with Pat and he will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Carolyn Brown, President & CEO Community Bankers Association of Georgia*

Carolyn Brown & CBA Staff - February 07, 2012 at 11:38 AM

CG

“*Pat was a fantastic leader with a huge heart. I will never forget the many times he visited our department with a big smile on his face and would cheer us up with a joke. It was a true pleasure working under his management. Some people leave a lasting impression. He certainly did. My sympathy and prayers are extended to Connie and the rest of the family.*

Claudia Guardado - February 07, 2012 at 11:29 AM

RC

“ Ms. Connie and Family, Pat was very instrumental in helping us with a construction loan at the Line Creek Baptist Church. He will be remembered as one who would go out of his way to help our Church, complete what God had allowed us to start. Because of Pat's help, our relocation to the new property was successful. God placed him in the life of our Church at a most crucial time. He performed with kindness and understanding. We are indeed grateful to God for having known him. On another occasion, I remember when you and Pat were driving home and stopped to help a man who had fallen in his yard and needed help getting up. You assisted in getting him into the house and making sure his needs were met. It was only then that you learned he was a member of the Line Creek Church. Seems as though Pat's life was always intersecting with those he had business dealings with, and those who just had a physical need to be met. He performed graciously on both accounts.
Rev. Bobby L. Carpenter, Pastor Line Creek Baptist Church 1488
Bob Smith Road Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Rev. Bobby Carpenter - February 07, 2012 at 09:04 AM

BW

“ Dear family, Pat was a classmate of ours. We all graduated in 1966. He has always been a friend of ours. He actually gave me my first car loan. Just wanted you to know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. From two of the old Newnan High Tigers, we salute a great man.

Beth & Jimmy Walker - February 07, 2012 at 09:02 AM

AA

“ I am so very sorry of Pats passing. He and I go back a long way and I always found him to be of the greatest of honor and integrity. I am sorry not to able to attend his service--- at 90 , I don't get around too well .As you know ,Pat was guardian of my estate.Connie, If I can help you in any way , do not hesitate to let Frances and me know. With deep sorrow we grieve with you. Frances and Arlie

Arlie Aukerman - February 07, 2012 at 08:53 AM

VO

“ Connie, I am so sorry to hear about Pat. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the children. We had a lot of good times and I have missed Pat and the entire DU crew since I moved away. Pat was a special guy and he will be missed by many. Van Olvey

Van Olvey - February 06, 2012 at 06:22 PM

EB

“ Mrs. Connie Shepherd and Family, Please accept my sincere condolences for your lost. As everyone knows, Pat was a great man and an inspiration to his fellow employees at the Bank of Georgia. He always had an open door to his office and to his heart. He made sure that we had his support in all our endeavors. I will never forget his joyful spirit and his skip and hop when he walked. God Bless you all!

Evelyn Burks-Thompson - February 06, 2012 at 05:36 PM

DO

“ Dear Connie: I feel honored and privileged to have worked with Pat. He will always be in our hearts and in our minds. He was a man that inspired loyalty and respect without demanding it. He set an example for many. I have great memories of Pat, one is trying to save fishes from a pond. He gathered them in plastic bags and brought them to the employees. The other is Pat running around in the parking lot, trying to keep a “Mommy Duck and baby ducks from going into the traffic”. He was a giving unselfish person. His greatest concern was “Connie and making sure she is o.k.” He had a great love for all humanity and most of all you! God bless you.

Dolly - February 06, 2012 at 04:29 PM

TR

“ Hi Connie, Sorry for the loss of your loving Pat and my ExBoss. Pat was one of the best people I have ever known. I missed my fishes when I left the bank. We did crossword puzzles together. My prayers go out to you and the boys. Keep well and stay strong. Will see you tomorrow.

Tara Ramsaran - February 06, 2012 at 04:24 PM

AO

“ Dear Connie and Family, Though it's been years, I remember like it was yesterday. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ann Olvey

Ann Olvey - February 06, 2012 at 04:14 PM

GA

“ One more thing, Connie; Isaiah 40: 29-31. "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." This scripture reminds me of Pat.

Gary - February 06, 2012 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ Dear Connie and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Pat was very special ,my prayers got out for you and your family. When I moved to GA 16 yrs ago Pat was my first boss and a kind and funny one at that. Being from Michigan, Pat was not at loss for jokes at my expense. I am thankful I had the pleasure of knowing and working for him.

Mary McDevitt Banks - February 06, 2012 at 03:40 PM

GS

“ Connie & Family: We were truly saddened to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in Our prayers. I placed your family on our prayer board in Sunday School yesterday. I believe that God will give you a sense of His peace during these difficult days. I've known Pat for 20 years and Linda has worked for him for 8+ years. He was a treasure to our community and a blessing to the bank. We will miss him but nearly as much as you. He is exactly where God wants him to be. One day you'll be reunited with him. May God bless you in a special way right now.

Gary & Linda Seney - February 06, 2012 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on your loss. Our prayers are with your family during this sad time.

Jim & Denise Rimlinger - February 06, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JB

“ My life has been enriched due to my friendship with Pat over the last 36 yrs. Community Banking has lost one of our true leaders. Pat was an outstanding individual and will be missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

Jack Bowdoin - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 PM

KH

“ Dear Connie and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of great sorrow. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I have been in banking for over 20 years and Pat was by far the best person I have ever worked for. He genuinely cared out everyone who worked for him. I will always remember working with him at our Main office. Every morning we would have a "Farm Report" and we would discuss how we were doing playing Farmville and he would also give us good tips about getting a "Deal" at the local supermarkets. It was so wonderful starting out my day and sharing some laughs with him. Rest in Peace Farmer Pat you will be missed more than words can ever say!

Kristina Hajzak - February 06, 2012 at 10:54 AM

JS

“ I thank God for the honor of knowing "Mr. Pat" . A Wonderful person. A very caring Boss. May GOD keep you. Cherish the great moments in your heart forever. Julia

Julia Smith - February 06, 2012 at 10:31 AM

CP

“ *Words cannot express how much Mr. Shepherd will be missed... He was one of the best bosses anyone could ask for! My prayers and love go out to his family. xoxo*

Caryn M. Preston - February 06, 2012 at 10:23 AM