



Jack Kell Haynes

March 18, 1936 - July 15, 2012

Jack Kell Haynes passed away peacefully and surrounded by his adoring family on Sunday, July 15, 2012. He was born March 18, 1936 in Atlanta, Georgia to Helen Mansour Haynes and Bill M. Haynes. Kell was a loving husband of 52 years to his devoted and beautiful wife, Anita, who called him her “very special love” and dedicated herself to providing for his comfort and care. Together they raised their daughters, Sharon and Kimberly, teaching them to be grounded in faith, thankful for the blessing of family, and joyful in the gift of life. Jack treasured being with his family and friends, delighting them with his fabulous sense of humor, and sharing stories of fun and adventure. Jack spent his boyhood years establishing his great love for baseball, western movies, Georgia Tech, and fun. There was no better way to spend an afternoon than by basking in the glory of a good Braves baseball game. Growing up as brother to his adored younger sisters, Regina, Bonnie, and Patricia, Kell began one of his most cherished roles in life as leader, coach, and protector. As a young husband, he also treasured gaining a brother in Thomas Brinkley Howard (“Brink”) who would often spend weekends with the newlyweds. Kell and young teenage Brink would spend Saturday afternoons working in the yard and reward their hard work with a good burger fresh from the grill.

Jack attended Hoke Smith High School and was elected President of the Student Council, Vice-president of the senior class, and Most Likely to Succeed of the Class of 1954. He enjoyed playing all kinds of sports,

especially basketball, football, and tennis, and he was cast as the lead in the school play, “A Date With Judy” his senior year.

Jack began his career in the accounting department of GMAC in August of 1955, but left briefly in late 1958 to serve his country as an artillery gunner in the Army. Upon his return to GMAC in May 1959, he met the love of his life and married her on May 20, 1960. Jack took on the role of husband, father, and businessman with hearty commitment and added to it the goal of earning a Bachelor degree during night and weekend classes. He graduated from Georgia State University in June 1969, earning the Dean’s Key for outstanding academic achievement. Jack pursued his GMAC career with tremendous dedication, holding many positions including Credit Manager, Branch Manager, Regional Manager, and Executive Vice –President and re-locating to offices in Atlanta, Asheville, Detroit, Tampa, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. He loved meeting new friends and co-workers in each city and embraced each new adventure with enthusiasm.

As a proud father-in-law to Mike and David, Kell welcomed his sons into the family with warmth and love, often giving them good-natured advice on marriage and family. With the arrival of his grandchildren, it was evident to everyone that Allie, Megan, Elena, Daniel, Thomas, Lydia, and Michael were his pride and joy. They could count on their Beau to always greet them with pure delight. Whatever sport they were playing, he was their biggest fan, whatever school fundraiser they were selling, he was their best customer, and whatever class they studied, he was sure they were geniuses. His encouragement and optimism will launch them into their own life pursuits with the sweetest motivation.

Upon retirement, he settled into his home on the lake with his “bride” and treasured the everyday blessings of their life together in Newnan. His many friends were a central part of what he looked forward to each week as he held onto this life firmly with both hands. Jack’s family would like to express their deep and abiding gratitude to his caregivers, Cynthia, Beverly, Melinda, and Gwen. Their tenderness and loving care will continue to honor his memory for

many years. Also, the family would like to thank their many amazing friends whose devoted prayers, concern, and service has sustained each of them with strength and grace.

Jack Kell Haynes is survived by his loving wife, Anita Howard Haynes, also of Newnan; daughters, Sharon Haynes Gruber and her husband Dr. Michael Paul Gruber, of Newnan, Kimberly Haynes Robertson and her husband David Alan Robertson, of Winston-Salem, NC; grandchildren, Allison Renee Gruber, Megan Michelle Gruber, Thomas Haynes Gruber, Elena Christine Robertson, Daniel Haynes Robertson, Lydia Caroline Robertson, Michael David Robertson; sisters, Bonnie Hiles and her husband Ed, of Cumming, Regina Eubanks and her husband Richard, of Hampton, Patricia Olvey and her husband Duane, of Cleveland, and brother-in-law, Thomas Brinkley Howard, Jr., of Newnan.

The funeral services is 12:00 Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Father Jeff Jackson officiating. The visitation is Tuesday evening between 6:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan. Those wishing to send an online condolence may do so at www.mckoon.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Coweta Samaritan Clinic, PO Box 963, Newnan, GA 30264, The Memorial Fund at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 576 Roscoe Rd., Newnan, GA 30263, or the Youth Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, 300 North Cherry St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

McKoon Funeral Home© (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Nita, I have been experiencing bitersweet memories of wonderful times together since I heard of Jack's passing. I send you my deepest condcolences for your loss. What a wonderful man Jack was and what a legacy he leaves. I know you will do him proud by continuing to live the blessed life you had together with your wonderful daughters and their families. There is a song by Garth Brooks called *The Dance*. The line I love is "Life is best left to chance. I could have missed the pain but I wouldn't have missed the dance." It has been 8 years since David died and not a day goes by without thinking of the wonderful life we had together and the three amazing children we had together. One of my fondest memeoories is of the 1985 trip to Maui and Kawai. We had so much fun from the delayed plane trip where we all had a drink in the cockpit of the DC10. Do you remember? Oh goodness, how times have changed! You are Jack are two people who I will always cherish having known...class, grace and dignity to the max. God Bless you. Jill Morrison

Jill Morrison - July 20, 2012 at 09:31 AM

BJ

“ Nita, You know how much we have respected and loved Jack since we first met in Detroit. We have such fond memories of our times spent together, especially our many trips and cruises. We still share many "Jack and Bill do Europe" stories with friends. We know you, Sharon and Mike, Kim and David, and your grandchildren have wonderful family memories which will be a comfort to you in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bill and Linda

Bill and Linda Jenkins - July 18, 2012 at 08:17 PM

HN

“ Dear Sharon and Michael, Sorry about your loss of your father. I'm sorry that we will not be able to come to the funeral because of Rochelle' condition but you all will be in our prayers. Love , Hershall & Rochelle

Hershall & Rochelle Norred - July 18, 2012 at 10:04 AM

EN

“ Anita, 7/18/12 Just heard about Kell's passing. So sorry and I know he will be greatly missed. He was a good man and a good christian. You and your family are in our prayers. Love to All Of You God Bless Cousin Edna Cousin Charles, Jr.

Edna Gasses Norton - July 18, 2012 at 09:50 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and we send our love to all. Wish we could be with you for the services today. We will be there in thought and spirit. Love, Charles and Sharlene

Charles and Sharlene Hamby - July 18, 2012 at 09:29 AM

LN

“ we are so sorry to hear about jack. he was a good man. im happy that i was a friend to yall. love larry michelle newby

larry newby - July 18, 2012 at 08:17 AM

MS

“ Anita, Caroline and I both worked for Jack in St. Petersburg and Tampa. I worked for Jack in Atlanta as BDM. I remember going through BDM school when Jack was one of the instructors. I can,t expess enough what a positive influence Jack was for both Caroline and I in our careers and personal life. He was a great leader, always a gentleman and a friend. Our sympathies are with you and your family.

Mike and Caroline Schrader - July 17, 2012 at 08:05 PM

RW

“ Kimberley and David and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father and please know that you and all of your family are in our prayers asking for God's healing and comfort to be with y'all during this difficult and painful time. We are sorry we can't be there Wednesday for the service. We Love You, Ron and Edie

Ron Waterer - July 17, 2012 at 05:45 PM

JP

“ Anita, I had the pleasure of working with Jack beginning in 1996. It didn't matter what your position was in the company, Jack treated each and every person with respect and dignity. He truly was "one of a kind." I received an email yesterday announcing his passing. I smiled when I read, "His promotion to Vice President was greeted by cheers from the audience which spoke volumes about his reputation with the employees." My guess is that Heaven also cheered his homecoming. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jean Paquette - July 17, 2012 at 01:47 PM

TK

“ Haynes family, I (like Karen Gordon) worked with / for Jack in Virginia. Jack was also the CBM in Tampa when I hired on with the company in 1988. I can not say it any better than Karen. Jack was truly a "one of a kind" person and leader that you would do anything for. I am sorry for your loss and my sympathies are with your family during this difficult time.

Ted Kanoza - July 17, 2012 at 01:11 PM

KG

“ Dear Haynes Family, I had the honor and pleasure of working for Jack for an amazing few months in 1998 in Reston, Virginia. And that time working with him has made a lasting impression on me. No one in our entire company has ever been more respected or loved than Jack. Mentioning his name brings a smile to anyone who's ever met him as they remember their time with him. His presence made everyone want to be better, to do more, to be like him. Many have said, and more will join me in saying, that no one every had a bad word to say about Jack. We all were blessed to have time with him. He has been missed at work. I hope the happy memories will bring you some comfort you as you miss him now. He was simply amazing.

Karen Gordon - July 17, 2012 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ Anita you may recall Jack and I worked together in both Atlanta and Detroit. He was a good friend and we often remembered our time in atlanta. While we have not kept in touch Jack was often in my thoughts. What a wonderful family you and Jack have I know he was very proud, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers. One last thing no one in GMAC was ever as well liked as Jack! Jack

JACK bARRETT - July 17, 2012 at 11:23 AM

KE

“ Anita and family; I am so grieved to hear of your loss. You all are in my heart and prayers at this time. Uncle Kell has always been my bigger-than-life hero and he will be sorely missed. I called Mama at the nursing home and told her. She cried and said to send you her love and tell you how sorry she is to hear about Kell. Danny and I will try our best to be there for the funeral. Please, tell Aunt's Regina and Bonnie that I'm praying for them also, along with your girls and family. Love you! Kate

Kate (Tatum) Eldredge - July 16, 2012 at 10:58 PM

JC

“ Dear family, it has been quite a while since I have seen anyone, but kept up with yall thorough Aunt Bobbie Haynes Tatum. Just to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am Myrle Haynes Johnson daughter

JoanJohnson Canady - July 16, 2012 at 10:41 PM

BO

“ Anita, John and I are so sorry to hear of Jack'sj passing. You and your family our in our thoughts and prayers. Bev & John

Beverly & John O'Connor - July 16, 2012 at 07:33 PM