



## James Ellis Cook

March 24, 1935 - May 19, 2023

James Ellis Cook, 88, passed away May 19, 2023, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital after a brief illness. He was born March 24, 1935, in Newnan, Georgia. Ellis was the third child born to the late James Warren Cook and Zenobra Thrower Cook. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Maynelle Hanson Cook his infant son, Jamey Fred Cook, his daughter, Jo Cook Bolton, his brother Bobby Edmund Cook, his sisters, Mary Cook Collier Brown and Shelby Jo Cook Shoemake, his beloved grandmother who helped raise him, Mary Jane Warren Cook (Mama Mae) and his adored aunt and uncle, Hazel and Fred Cook.

As a young boy, Ellis learned early that hard work was the key to getting ahead in life. He grew up in Arnco Village and many people were willing to give this young boy a chance to better himself. He would do any job asked of him and became known as a good, honest worker. When he became a young man, he fell in love and married Maynelle Hanson. They started a family, and he went to work for R.D. Cole Shop building water tanks. After an accident, while working on a water tank leading to many months of recovery, he started working for Henson Furniture Company. As the family grew and his wife became ill he would sometimes have to work two jobs to make ends meet. After his first wife died, he married Libby Jo Norwood Attaway. By then he owned Coweta Sanitary Service. After selling his business, he went to work for American General Insurance Company. He was very good at selling

insurance and became a mentor to several young men that were starting out in business. As he was approaching middle age, he coached several Little League and Babe Ruth League Baseball teams, leading to championships for many years in a row. For a time, Ellis worked at Kessler's Department store where all the older lady employees were enchanted with his charms and blue eyes. He owned many businesses in Newnan, including service stations, insurance offices, wrecker services, and accumulating properties and building houses. Finally, at age 80 he retired but never really stopped working, No matter how big or small the job was. He hated to "waste daylight".

Ellis is survived by his wife, Libby, his children Tracy Shoemake, Johnny Cook (Sonya), Jenny Cook Helton (Tank), Alison Cook Herring (Travis), Matt Cook (Jennifer), his sister Freddie Jean Cook Wallace (Jimmy); Sister-in-law Yvonne Norwood; brother-in-law Paul Norwood (Kathy). Known as "Beepa" by his 13 grandchildren and 23 Great Grandchildren. His grandchildren are Meagan Hammond Mooney (Jonathan), Sunni Cook Millican (Kyle), Savannah Cook Meacham (Brandon), Taylor Helton (Jill), Katie Helton Hudson (Jason) Autumn Stevens (BJ), Drew Stevens, Cody Chapman (Amaris), Matty Blumenthal (Raisa), Hunter Herring (Megan), Hannah Herring, Claire Cook, Meagan Gosdin. Great- Grandchildren; Lexie, Layni Grace, Layla, Rhett, Berkli Kate, Kynli, Halli, Isaac, Tuff, Ellis Ann, Tripp, Lucas, Klay, Aubree Jo, Zane, Olivia, Reid, Sebastian, Galileo, Na'amah, Josiah, Evie, Archer, Caleb.

A Service will be held on Monday, May 22. 2023 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of Mckoon Funeral Home with Reverend Kevin Couch officiating. The family will greet friends starting at 12:00pm until service time. Pallbearers will be Kyle Millican, Cody Chapman, Lucas Cassidy, Jonathan Mooney, Brandon Meacham, and Hunter Herring. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, Georgia. Contributions to Saint Jude Children's Hospital can be made in lieu of flowers.

Our family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the 5th-floor ICU and the emergency room staff for excellent patient and family care.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of James Ellis Cook*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 22, 2023 at 09:32 AM

JP

*Ellis, a true Southern Gentleman.*

James Phillips - May 22, 2023 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ *Ann Bastuba lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook*



Ann Bastuba - July 19, 2023 at 02:06 AM

BL

“ *I will always remember singing with him in Church. I loved him from afar..*

Betty Lester - May 24, 2023 at 06:45 AM

JG

“ Sorry for y'all's loss god bless y'all. Love Joy and Jonathan Red and black heat and air.

joy Gillespie - May 23, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss, he was a great man and will be missed. Libby Bowling and Family



Libby Bowling - May 22, 2023 at 01:34 PM

KS

“ Kathi Sumner lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook



Kathi Sumner - May 22, 2023 at 12:33 PM

AN

“ Condolences to the Cook family from Chaplain Adrien Neely at Sacred Journey. Offering prayers for your comfort and peace as you celebrate the homegoing of your loved one.

Adrien Neely - May 22, 2023 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ Lisa Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook



Lisa Fitzpatrick - May 22, 2023 at 08:30 AM

SY

“ Libby, Johnny, Jenny and Family, so sorry to hear of Ellis passing. He was a good friend and mentor. You are in my prayers. Retired Sheriff Mike & Bev Yeager

Sheriff Yeager - May 22, 2023 at 08:22 AM

BS

“ Barbara Saunders lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook



Barbara Saunders - May 22, 2023 at 06:34 AM

BS

Alison Herring, I am very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your family.

Barbara Saunders - May 22, 2023 at 06:36 AM

EJ

“ Libby, I was so sorry to hear about Ellis. I know he is resting in a better place now. My sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. May he rest in peace. Love you!  
Ellen COFIELD Johnson.

Ellen Cofield Johnson - May 21, 2023 at 10:12 PM

PC

“ Sorry for your loss. Sounds like all of you were blessed by his presence.

Pam (ferrell) Clemons - May 21, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Ellis Cook.



May 21, 2023 at 07:35 PM

RB

“ Rev BettyJean Bowers lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook



Rev BettyJean Bowers - May 21, 2023 at 05:23 PM

RQ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Robin Quick - May 21, 2023 at 11:54 AM

RP

“ *Renee Proctor lit a candle in memory of James Ellis Cook*



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**Renee Proctor** - May 21, 2023 at 11:43 AM