



## James Richard Rider

July 11, 1929 - December 3, 2010

Mr. James Richard Rider, age 81, of Sharpsburg, died December 3, 2010 at his residence after a long period of declining health. A native of Lumpkin, County, Georgia, he was born July 11, 1929. He was one of five children born to the marriage of the late Croft Porter Rider and Susie Jane Stone Rider. In addition to his parents, three of his siblings preceded him in death. Mr. Rider moved to Newnan in 1957. In 1967 he established Rider Pest Control, a firm that is still operated by his family. While he was a man who possessed a great work ethic, he also was very much at home in the life of the country gentleman. Many happy hours were spent in gardening, farming his land and tending to the chickens and cows that populated the home place. He took pride in raising the unique Belted Galloway cows for a time. Family was paramount to James and he took advantage of those times to be with his family whether it was time spent on the farm or traveling with them. Never at too great a distance from James there was always one presence, his beloved dog, Pepper. Surviving James is his wife of 65 years, Amelia McGinnis Rider. His children are Martha Ann van Drew, James Porter Rider, and Betty Jo Adkins. There are six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. One brother, Dewey Rider, also survives. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, December 6 beginning at 12:00 noon. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Danny Wilson officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Rider's memory to either St. Jude Children's Hospital online, [donors@stjude.org](mailto:donors@stjude.org) or to Unity Baptist Church 311 Smokey Road Newnan, Georgia 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ I am so sorry about your loss - am just now hearing about it - Mr. Rider was a great man and I am sure you will all miss him greatly - you have lots of happy good memories!

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**Linda Walden** - December 31, 2010 at 10:57 AM

CH

“ To the Rider Family, We are sorry to hear about your loss, we are thinking of you. Chris and Jennifer Harmon WOLFMAN'S MUFFLER CENTER

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**Chris and Jennifer harmon** - December 06, 2010 at 08:14 PM

JH

“ Martha, I am so sorry to hear of your daddy's passing. He was always so kind to our gang when we would be at your home on Bailey Drive. He always made us feel welcome as did your mother. Please let Jimmy, Betty Jo, and your mother know that my thoughts are with you at this time. Just wanted you to know that your old friend remembers Mr. Rider very fondly. Jimbo

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**Jimbo Heflin** - December 06, 2010 at 06:08 PM

JW

“ My heart and prayers go out to the Rider family. Truly a great man has been lost from this earth.

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**Jim Watkins** - December 06, 2010 at 04:28 PM

PW

“ Martha, Jimmy & Betty Please let your mom know how sorry I am about your dad. My memories go back too far to mention. I will always think fondly about all of you & your mom & dad. I have been where you are and know the loss you feel. Know you are in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. Both of my parents died around the Christmas holidays. Love to all of you.

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**Peggy Williams** - December 06, 2010 at 04:07 PM

DG

“ Betty, Sid and family, we are so sorry about your father. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Debbie and Becky

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**Debbie Glover** - December 06, 2010 at 12:24 PM

RG

“ martha & jimmy, so sorry for the loss of your father. haven't seen either of you since newnan high- remember you both. stay strong & remember you are in all your "ole" high school friends hearts at your time of sorrow!! rita byram gresham

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**rita byram gresham** - December 06, 2010 at 08:11 AM

JM

“ Jimmy and Martha, I'm sorry to hear about your father. Please know you are in my thoughts. Junie

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**Junie Austin Merkle** - December 04, 2010 at 06:29 PM

JP

“ Even though i didn't know Mr. Rider very well, whenever i went over to his house with his gradnson Stacy, he always had a smile on his face and asked me how i was doin and ofered me a drink or a bite to eat. He will be missed greatly and it was a pleasure to know him. God Bless. - PFC John T. Perry (USMC)

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**JT Perry** - December 04, 2010 at 05:25 PM