



## James Donald Rooks

March 2, 1943 - July 28, 2016

The greatest tribute that can be paid to an individual is to come to the end of his life and know that all his contributions during his life were positive – that he loved others and they loved him – that he proved himself a good provider- that he never took for granted all that life had given him through his hard work – that he left the world a better place for his having been there- that the memories he leaves behind are of his kindness towards everyone. For James Donald Rooks this could truly be said. James was born in Newnan on March 2, 1943 and was one of three children born to the late Leonard Barfield and Cleo Thelma Beckom Rooks. James grew up in Moreland and attended school in Newnan and for several years tried his hand at a number of small jobs. James was the possessor of a unique work ethic and a desire to be his own boss. This led him in 1978 to form his own company to fill a growing need in the construction business, Rooks Garage Doors. He successfully operated this business and achieved his goal of being able to retire at a young age. During these years it was not uncommon to see this strapping guy who lived in the rough and tumble contracting business to be found delivering the delicate creations of his wife Pat's florist when an extra hand was needed. James' desire in retirement was to be a cowboy, and that he did. After owning his business for over 28 years, he retired in 1999 to the rural beauty of Gay, Georgia to ride herd on his beloved cattle farm. It was there he found the perfect peace in his life and thoroughly enjoyed the last years of his life. It was tending to the farm and tinkering with the multitude of things that needed fixing

that brought so much pleasure to this very simply man. In 1962, James had married Patricia Hannah and for the next 54 years they enjoyed a wonderful life together. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Allen Rooks and his wife Betty Ann; Wayne Rooks and his wife Donna. James was a loving grandfather to Christopher Rooks, Michael Rooks, Hunter Rooks, River Rooks, D'Anna Gray and Daniel Gray. He was great grandfather to Skiilee and Brayden Rooks. Also surviving is his brother Leonard B. Rooks, Jr. and his wife Kay and his sister Patsy Moran. McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan is in charge of arrangements and James' family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. James life will be remembered in a service on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home led by his brother Reverend L. B. Rooks. Interment will be in Southview Cemetery in Moreland. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)  
Moreland, GA 30259

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

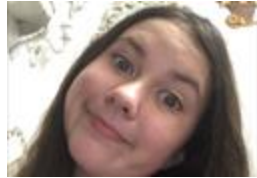
AUG 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Skillee*



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**Khloe** - April 04, 2024 at 06:24 AM

TB

“ *Our sympathy to the Rooks family, may God's blessings be on the family. My daddy as well as our family really think highly of Mr. James, and L.B. and we knew their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rooks down on Highway 29 in Moreland when they all lived close to the railroad years back.*

*Tom and Cindy Barnett  
Moreland, GA*

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**Tom Barnett** - August 01, 2016 at 11:16 PM

GW

“ *Pat, Allen and Wayne, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We lost touch a little when you guys moved away and left us into that beautiful new home. Lots of memories from McCarmel/Rooks Rd - like a quick trip to Biloxi, or sharing whatever we could cook while the power was out for days or rounding up cattle or horses. just never knew on the farm. James will be missed in so many ways by so many people. Love to you all.*



*Tommy and Gail Walker*

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**Gail Walker** - August 01, 2016 at 12:34 PM



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 31, 2016 at 04:21 PM



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 31, 2016 at 12:09 PM



“ *Tim and Tommie Lynne Rawlins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Donald Rooks.*



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**Tim and Tommie Lynne Rawlins** - July 30, 2016 at 10:04 PM

TL

“ *Mr. James was a very special and gracious man, he was generous with his knowledge and his time. We will miss him and we pray for strength for you and your family in the days to come. We know he is with God and no longer suffering. Our prayers be with you all.*

*Tim and Tommie Lynne*

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**Tim and Tommie Lynne** - July 30, 2016 at 09:10 PM

YI

“ *Your friends at SDG Construction Inc. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Donald Rooks.*



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**Your friends at SDG Construction Inc.** - July 30, 2016 at 04:52 PM

JH

“ *Jerry R Haynes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Donald Rooks.*



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**Jerry R Haynes** - July 30, 2016 at 01:08 PM

WC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. "To be absent from this life is to be with the LORD".*

*Wayne and Winnett Crouch*

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**Wayne and Winnett Crouch** - July 30, 2016 at 07:51 AM

BW

“ *My dear friends, I was very saddened to hear the news about James. However, I can picture him riding around, in Heaven's hay field, on a big John Deere . Fond memories will forever be etched in my mind of the good times we had. May God bless you with the strength you need to get through the coming days. With much love,*  
*Brian*

**Brian Ward** - July 30, 2016 at 07:20 AM

CF

“ *Catherine, Renee , David and the Hannah Family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of James Donald Rooks.*



**Catherine, Renee , David and the Hannah Family** - July 29, 2016 at 08:45 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss, he will be truly missed, we are praying for you*

**Cassie Smith** - July 29, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *So sorry for you loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*  
*Jamie Hixson*



**Jamie Hixson** - July 29, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DB

“ Pat, Allen, Wayne and family...I was so sorry to hear of your loss.  
I'm praying for your comfort during this different time.

*Donna Williford Burger*

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**Donna Burger** - July 29, 2016 at 02:34 PM