



James Vernon Kidd, Jr.

December 15, 1941 - December 10, 2024

Mr. James "Vernon" Kidd Jr., 82, of Newnan, passed away Tuesday, December 10, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born December 15, 1941, in Whitmire, S.C., to the late James Vernon Kidd, Sr. and Ida Cornelia Moore Kidd. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald David Kidd.

Vernon grew up in Elberton, GA, and was a 1960 graduate of Elbert County High School. He attended West Georgia College before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1964, where he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. He enjoyed traveling and playing with the SAC softball team during his service years. He also met his wife of 55 years, Lynn, in Omaha. After his military service ended, they moved to Atlanta in 1969 and continued his education. Vernon received his bachelor's degree from Georgia State in 1971 and moved to Newnan to begin his teaching and coaching career at Newnan High School. He continued his higher education during summer breaks, attending the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a master's degree in athletic administration. Vernon was the head football coach and athletic director at Heard County High School and East County High School. Before retiring in 2001, he taught at Canongate Elementary School. Vernon was of the Baptist faith until he recently received sacraments and joined the Catholic Church.

Survivors include wife, Lynn Kidd; sons, Scott Michael Kidd (Missy) of Newnan, Brian Frederick Kidd (Malinda) of Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren, Blair Kidd and Anna Clayton Kidd of Murfreesboro; Mary Hollis Kidd and Yancey Kidd of Newnan; sister-in-law, Lydia Kidd of Elberton, GA; Darlene Jettner (Steve) of Morton Grove, IL; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service is Monday, December 16, 2024, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with the Reverend. Mr. Steve Swope Officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The Visitation is Monday, December 16, 2024, beginning at 12:00 pm.

Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions can be made to Newnan High School Touchdown Club, P.O. Box 2426, Newnan, GA 30264.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 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 Vernon Kidd, Jr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 16, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..

December 15, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..



December 15, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..

December 15, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



December 15, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *The Dumes family are sending prayers for you Lyn and your family to help you through this difficult time. I will miss Vernon walking up and down our street!*

Linda Dumes - December 14, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*

December 14, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



December 14, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *The Coggins family and Nancy Baxter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*

The Coggins family and Nancy Baxter - December 13, 2024 at 01:12 PM

TB

“ *The Coggins family and Nancy Baxter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



The Coggins family and Nancy Baxter - December 13, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *White Poinsettia was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



December 13, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Konopka and Lyons' families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



Love, The Konopka and Lyons' families - December 13, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*

December 13, 2024 at 12:51 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



December 13, 2024 at 12:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..

December 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



December 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *BlueSeaDental / LeeDental/SmileCapeCoral planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*

BlueSeaDental / LeeDental/SmileCapeCoral - December 12, 2024 at 12:48 PM

BL

“ *BlueSeaDental / LeeDental/SmileCapeCoral purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Vernon Kidd, Jr..*



BlueSeaDental / LeeDental/SmileCapeCoral - December 12, 2024 at 12:48 PM

LF

“ *Lisa Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of James Vernon Kidd, Jr.*



Lisa Fitzpatrick - December 12, 2024 at 11:15 AM

GP

“ *Lynn so sorry to read this. We have fond memories of him*

Gerrie Petty - December 12, 2024 at 07:33 AM

MY

“ Prayers to Mrs Lynn, Scott, Brian and Family. I met Coach while a student at NHS where he taught and coached us. But it was years later that we reconnected and he became a good friend. About this time of the year Coach would stop by my office and leave a monetary contribution to see that kids would have a Christmas present under the tree and he never once wanted his name mentioned. His thoughtfulness through the years brought joy to many young people. I still remember those visits and the many conversations we had, whether in the office, at a ballgame or just seeing him around town. You will be missed my friend. Thanks for the lessons taught all these years. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager

Mike&Bev Yeager - December 11, 2024 at 03:31 PM

MV

Coach was a huge part of our life! He asked me one day in the hall if I had my boys going to speech and I told him no the school told me they didn't need it! He went straight to the office of Susan Wallace and next thing I knew they were both now going to speech!! What a loving kind giving man! I'm so glad our paths crossed!

Molly Veasey - December 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM

MV

*susan Walraven

Molly Veasey - December 17, 2024 at 09:51 PM