



## James David Gladney

February 21, 1942 - July 8, 2015

James David Gladney, born February 21, 1942, died July 8, 2015. David was born in Arnco, Georgia to Lois Musick Gladney and Milton Parks Gladney, a direct descendant of Richard Gladney I who fought for our country's independence from England. He grew up happily – the apple of his mother's eye. Dave loved playing sports and enjoyed being on the football team of Newnan High School where he was graduated in 1960. He married a few years later and had a son. He graduated from Georgia State University and began a career in economic development. He was true gentleman of the New South – finding much success despite his humble beginnings. During his career, he rose to become a key economic development player in Georgia, Alabama and the southeast region with executive positions at the State of Georgia Department of Industry and Trade, the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, the Metropolitan Development Board of Birmingham, Alabama, the Southeast Alabama Economic Development Authority, and the Atlanta Regional Commission. Dave was a true friend to so many throughout his life and beloved by many. He was a man who truly enjoyed having the most fun possible and did so as often as he could. In his last months, it is impossible to count how many traveled from so far to spend time with him after his brain cancer diagnosis. God mercifully took him gently in his sleep. A special thanks to all the staff and residents of Brookdale Newnan for their loving kindness and patience during his stay there. Gratitude is expressed as well for the tender mercies of Homestead Hospice. He is survived by his son James "J."

David Gladney, Jr. and his son-in-law Stuart “Bo” Harrod Kersey of Senoia, Georgia, his brother, Milton Donald Gladney and his sister-in-law Carol H. Gladney of Talking Rock, Georgia, his aunt, Ruth Musick Jackson of Newnan, Georgia, her five children – Diane, Connie, Cathy, Carol and Alan and their spouses, and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as many Gladney family cousins including Cathy Gladney Newman and her spouse. There will be a small service for family. A celebration of his life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the American Institute for Cancer Research. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

**JUL 10.**

No Services-Cremation Only

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I appreciated his coming to Parks funeral. I know they are free of pain and maybe throwing the football around in heaven. My best to you and "Bo".*

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**Judy Cole** - July 10, 2015 at 08:33 PM

JB

“ *David was a special person that cared about others and was a good friend. I will never forget his friendship and association with Tom Parrott, when they together came and visited me in East Point after I moved there with my family in 1958. My sincere condolences go out to all of David's family members. He will ALWAYS be remembered fondly.*

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**Jack Brannon** - July 10, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JT

“ *My heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your Dad. I remember David and Donald from my teenage years. Our paths did not cross often although I have memories. It is hard losing a Dad. Floyd Gladney (Uncle Milton's Brother was my Dad.). I lost him 15 years ago. Your Family will be remembered in my prayers.*

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**Judy Tyson** - July 10, 2015 at 05:41 PM

PS

“ *Dave's wonderful smile and love for life will be missed by all of his Alabama friends.*

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**Peggy Smith** - July 10, 2015 at 05:11 PM

JP

“ *My prayers and condolences go to Dave's family and friends. He will be missed by many. I am most fortunate to have had him in my life! Jim Parkman*

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**Jim Parkman** - July 10, 2015 at 02:35 PM

KS

“ *I met Dave when I was in Savannah in the late '80's and he was with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, getting ready for the Red Carpet Tour. Dave was a lot of fun and always greeted you with a big smile. He will be missed. He was an active member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA). Condolences from all his friends and "family" in GEDA. Kevin Shea, President, GEDA*

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**Kevin Shea** - July 10, 2015 at 02:29 PM

MC

“ *Growing up in Newnan, David was my best friend. He was a groomsman in our wedding and name our first son, David, after him. We send our sincere sympathy to all his family and may God grant you his Grace.*

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**Mike & Beverly Cavender** - July 10, 2015 at 10:53 AM

HD

“ *My deepest sympathy to J and the other Gladney family members. He was a joy to know here at Brookdale, and will be greatly missed by those of us who got to know him over the past few months. God rest his soul.*

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**Helen Dunham** - July 09, 2015 at 01:21 PM