



J. Byron Keene

March 6, 1964 - March 28, 2016

Jerald Byron Keene
1964-2016

March 25th started out much like any other day for Byron Keene. Little did he, or anyone, realize that as he was finishing a day at the office, events would unfold that would precede his passing into the presence of the God he had served and loved during his earthly life. Jerald Byron Keene was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 6, 1964. He was the son of the late Jerald Theodore (J.T.) and Betty Richburg Keene. He attended Brandon Academy in Brandon Mississippi and graduated in 1982. He was a proud Marine for a lifetime following his service to the corps from 1983 – 1985. Professionally, he was associated with One Main Financial in Newnan. Byron truly loved living. He was a bigger than life character, and at the same time, a gentle giant. He was a fiercely patriotic guy who loved college football and NASCAR. He had a true servant spirit that found its home in Newnan First United Methodist Church. Byron had a mischievous sense of humor and was always on board for being a jokester, much to the amusement – or maybe the chagrin of others. The fact that nobody laughed but Byron was irrelevant. Byron's sacrificial spirit was supremely manifested in his willingness to offer his organs in donation to others after his death. He was the deeply loving husband to his wife Daphne Keene; the compassionate and supportive father to his sons Dylan and Zach and his daughter Darby. He loved his daughter-in-law Hillary

as his own. He cherished his brother Kyle Keene and his sisters Janey Keene Galloway and Susan Kenna. Byron's wonderful life will be remembered at a service of remembrance on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Newnan First United Methodist Church that will be led by Dr. Stuart Greene, Reverend JoAn Kinrade and Brent Ritter. A reception will follow the service in the church Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, those who may wish to do so may honor Byron's life by a memorial contribution to the children's ministry of Newnan First United Methodist Church 33 Greenville Street Newnan GA 30263 or to Angels House P.O. Box 657 Newnan GA 30264. Online condolences may be expressed at 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

APR 2, 11:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

APR 2 (ET)

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Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

RR

“ So sorry for your loss.

Robin Richburg - April 04, 2016 at 03:51 PM

RM

“ Robin Barron Mann lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene



Robin Barron Mann - April 04, 2016 at 09:15 AM

RM

*Daphne-
My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family. I'm so sorry for the loss of Byron! He was such a great, fun-loving, and sweet guy! Love, Robin*

Robin Barron Mann - April 04, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MC

“ Marsha Couch lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene



marsha couch - April 02, 2016 at 09:47 AM

JA

“ *Our prayers are with y'all.*

Steve, Joan and Madeleine Achee

Joan Achee - April 02, 2016 at 09:42 AM

VR

“ *The entire J. Byron Keene Family is in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless you all!
Vince & Judy Ray - 244 Foggy Bottom Drive -
Carrollton, Ga.*



Vincent M. Ray - April 02, 2016 at 08:59 AM

AK

“ *Allison Klein purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of J. Byron Keene.*



Allison Klein - April 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM

RP

“ *Ray And Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene*



Ray and Gerrie Petty - April 01, 2016 at 12:22 PM

GM

“ *Gina McConahy lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene*



Gina McConahy - April 01, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of J. Byron Keene.*



April 01, 2016 at 07:39 AM

Tami Miles

“ *Byron, we will miss your mischievous grin, your bashful blush, your humorous quick wit, and your always happy to go out of your way willingness to help. Thanks for the memories. You will be missed. Tami/Gail/Karen/Crystal OneMain Carrollton crew.*

Tami Miles - March 31, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *Praying for the family, friends & co-workers of Byron.*

*Amber Turner
OneMain Financial-- LaGrange.*



Nikki Turner - March 31, 2016 at 07:22 PM

KM

“ You'll be missed here, but we who know Jesus know and believe we will reunite with you in heaven! Until then, know the legacy you've left has changed lives, including my own. Go rest HIGH oh His mountain, Byron. You are loved.

Kim Mckay - March 31, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Byron Keene.



March 31, 2016 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ Sam Madaris lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene



Sam Madaris - March 31, 2016 at 03:18 PM

HB

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of Byron Keene. He was a friend of mine and football teammate at Brandon Academy. Byron always had a smile on his face and a prank or joke ready to pull on someone. He was a good man. I'll be praying for the family.

Howard Boykin
Brandon Academy
Class of 1981

Howard Boykin - March 31, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of J. Byron Keene.*



March 31, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *You will be truly missed Uncle Byron!! We love you!! Praying for you Aunt Daphne,Dylan,Zach,and Darby!*



Cassie Mcleod - March 31, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Brad Skywriter lit a candle in memory of J. Byron Keene*



Brad Skywriter - March 31, 2016 at 10:47 AM



*Byron..... You will certainly be remembered by all for your Kindness and Thoughtfulness towards others. God Speed My Friend. I will truly Miss You!
Brad*

Brad Skywriter - March 31, 2016 at 10:51 AM



Praying for you to be so aware of God's peace & strength

Farley Earnest - March 31, 2016 at 01:42 PM

LN

*Daphne, my sweet cousin,
My sister called me last night to share this heartbreaking story. I know it was an unbelievable shock to you & the kids. But your heart can be at peace through our Heavenly Father as you rest in his tender arms. Assuredly, your loving husband is rejoicing around the throne. My family will be praying for each of yours as you heal. We love you.*
*Linda Nail
Hattiesburg, MS*

Linda Nail - March 31, 2016 at 02:22 PM

JE

Daphne, I grieve for you and the kids, but what a wonderful legacy Byron left behind. God bless you all.

Joan Exner and family

Joan S Exner - April 01, 2016 at 08:49 AM

CP

Byron...I appreciate your kindness and smile that you treated me (and spouse) with as a customer at One Main Financial in Newnan. Gosh, I was surprised to see this today. You opened up a loan for us late 2015 and I called you a few times wanting advice, even as much as a couple of weeks ago. RIP my friend. Thoughts and prayers to your family, friends and co-workers. Christie

C. Purdy - April 02, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CW

*Hugs and prayers for your family.
Carol Wieting*

Carol Wieting - April 02, 2016 at 11:57 AM