



Jerome "Jerry" Merrill Crockett

April 30, 1950 - July 2, 2013

Jerome (Jerry) Merrill Crockett, 63, Newnan, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. He was the fourth child of Durwood and Mary Crockett. Jerry was born in Atlanta and attended East Atlanta High School. He is a resident of Newnan, frequenting his cabin in Blue Ridge, Ga. Jerry retired from the State of Georgia after serving 34 years, working under several state agencies and Governors. He retired from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

He is survived by his wife Veronica, children Shannon and Shane Crockett, daughter-in-law Angie, grandchildren Taylor, Katlyn, Avery and Nathan, great-granddaughter Harper, his siblings Altys VanKesteren of Bowie Maryland, Jim Crockett (Vel) of Marietta, Beverly Pearce (Bill) of Smyrna, and numerous nieces and nephews. Jerry has many friends and a large family that he loved to spend time with.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com While attending Georgia State University, he worked full time in student finance before being promoted to the Department of Public Safety as an Accountant. In 1977, he was promoted to the Department of Human Resources where he was the Assistant Director for the Office of Financial Services. He was later recruited to the Department of Adult and Technical Education as the Assistant Commissioner for Finance, Budget and Personnel. He then was promoted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget as Assistant Director where he retired.

Jerry spent every morning with his wife enjoying retirement. The two would have coffee, read the paper, do the daily word jumble and enjoy morning walks. He enjoyed his retirement playing golf with family and friends, traveling, spending time on the lake, and enjoying his mountain retreat.

Jerry will be remembered by the hundreds that love him for his intoxicating laugh, his joyful spirit, and his ability to laugh at himself and others. He was a loving husband, father, brother and friend to all that were privileged to know him. He has left a huge hole in the hearts of all that he has left behind.

Services will be held Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Geyer officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday, July 6, 2013 from 2:00 pm till service time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Christian City Children's Home in memory of him. Christian City, located at 7345 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA, is a residential home that is dear to his heart.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ It took me two months to discover that Jerry had passed away. Shame on me. We were such close friends through college and being in the same national fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Always the calming voice, Jerry saw us through some interesting times. We spent a huge amount of time together to the point he was my best man when I remarried several years after College. I got lazy and lost touch. But just last year I found him again. We spoke for a long time on the phone and planned to get together for dinner as his wife, Veronica, and my wife, Carletta, were High School classmates. I went back to being lazy and before I made the time to actually break bread with him, this happens. The next time we meet I'm sure I'll get a Gibbs to the back of the head for being such a ding-bat... There's a song out there written by Tom Lewis that the last stanza goes like this... And those of us left here will miss a true friend, who shared with us good times and bad, Raising a glass to your memory we'll say: "We've known you - why should we be sad?" We honor a life that was lived to the full, we honor a spirit now free. You'll long be remembered, whenever we say: Fair winds and a following sea!" God speed my friend you'll be remembered too for all those you touched in such a positive way, and I for one was a much better man because of you.

Michael Cannon - September 05, 2013 at 12:13 PM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Jerry and also share a comforting scriptural promise that of Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not gaze about, for I am with your God. I will fortify you. I will really help you. I will really keep fast hold of you with my right hand of righteousness...Isaiah 41:9.10

P. Watts - July 12, 2013 at 08:56 AM

DG

“ Veronica, you gotta love a man who can make accounting fun! In the mid 1980s Jerry taught me four highly technical state accounting terms that stayed with me for decades: mash, crunch, flush, and roll! Working with Jerry and getting to know him made me a better accountant and I thank him for that. But even more important than that was the beautiful way that you and he created such a wonderful family. Your pain is in my heart today. This world is a better place because Jerry was here. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Denise Glanton - July 09, 2013 at 07:55 AM

BN

“ Veronica, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Jerry was such a great person. May God wrap his arms around you. We know there is a special angel in Heaven to take care of you.

Barbara Nelms - July 08, 2013 at 09:20 PM

RP

“ Veronica, please accept my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. The memories that I have of Jerry laughing and telling stories about all of our budget days will always be fondly remembered. He was a good man and gave the best years of his life to the state of Georgia and we are all better for it. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers during this difficult time.

Randy Powers - July 08, 2013 at 03:32 PM

TS

“ Shannon and family: I am so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Teri

Teri Stripling - July 08, 2013 at 12:11 PM

LP

“ Veronica, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray you will be comforted through the love of family and friends and that you will find peace in God's love.

Linda Parker - July 06, 2013 at 08:53 PM

RL

“ I am saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. May God give you comfort and peace.

Robin Bryant Lumpkin - July 06, 2013 at 04:33 PM

KT

“ Shannon & family, Your dad was a great man with a big heart to match his smile. Prayers for you all at this difficult time.

Kelly Vincent Taylor - July 06, 2013 at 02:34 PM

TB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jerry as a fraternity brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Georgia State University. He was an outstanding member of the fraternity and served in a number of leadership positions. May he rest in piece and may the Lord provide comfort to his family.

Tony Burger - July 06, 2013 at 01:39 PM

MT

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My prayers are with your family during this heartbreaking time.

Martha Teal - July 06, 2013 at 09:35 AM

TD

“ Your Bay Drive friends are praying for you and are here for anything you may need.

Tim & Chris Doughty - July 06, 2013 at 07:41 AM

SL

“ Veronica, Our deepest sympathies to you and the Crockett family. Jerry is gone much too soon. It was such a pleasure knowing and working with Jerry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Steve and Gail Love - July 06, 2013 at 07:21 AM

TS

“ Veronica, I was so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I'll have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. May you find peace and comfort in your family, friends and cherished memories.

Trisha Halstead Southwell - July 05, 2013 at 11:53 PM

TB

“ Veronica, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He will be greatly missed. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Terrie Bennett - July 05, 2013 at 10:07 PM

MM

“ Although I have not been able to spend much time with the family as I have in the past, you are all very dear and held close to my heart! I remember many, many years of fun, love and laughter. These are the memories I will take with me. I love you all!

Melissa Messer - July 05, 2013 at 07:11 PM

SW

“ To Veronica & Jerry's family ~ I was so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. The world has lost a "wonderful" man; a husband, a father, a brother, a grandfather, & to many, a friend. Jerry was one of the "Best Friends" I ever had. I met him in high school many years ago & our friendship grew from that day on. He was like a Brother to me & I have only good memories of him. I am proud to have known him & to have had him as my friend. My prayers for his family to have strength through this sad time will continue as days go by. Jerry will be missed by all who knew & loved him ~ Love, Sue West Wall

Sue West Wall - July 05, 2013 at 06:45 PM

RC

“ Veronica, we are so very sorry. Jerry was a great guy, and I loved him like a brother. He always had a smile on his face when I saw him. I know he was happy. I always kidding him about how lucky he was to have married you. I now realize you were very lucky to have found him. You both raised 2 wonderful kids together, and I know this is hard for them also. I will see all of you tomorrow. Love you Sis...

Rick and Barbara Cagle - July 05, 2013 at 06:32 PM

SM

“ Veronica and family; Barry and I were so saddened to learn of Jerry's passing. We will always treasure memories of our trip together in Italy when Zee Wiggins brought us all together. Jerry was such a bright light, making everyone feel happier when he was present. Please know that we have you in our hearts and prayers.

Sara and Barry McWilliams - July 05, 2013 at 05:53 PM

SR

“ To the family, so sorry your loved one has fallen a sleep in death. Please read the promise made at "John 5: 28,29".

Sandra Rhodes - July 05, 2013 at 05:26 PM

DW

“ Veronica, I am truly saddened by the sudden passing of Jerry. I have wonderful memories of him as he was truly a class guy. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time. .

Danny Walker - July 05, 2013 at 04:55 PM

FB

“ Jerry Crocket was a wonderful person. He was one of our groomsmen in our wedding in August of 1971- we shall always treasure that. Frank and Jerry were TKE brothers. Our prayers are with his family, Love in Him, Frank and Jackie Brandon

Frank & Jackie Brandon - July 05, 2013 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ Veronica and family: We were shocked and saddened to hear about Jerry's passing. He was so young; he is gone from you way too soon. It's been a few years, but I can still see that great big smile and hear that chuckle of his. He was a wonderful man, husband, and father and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Mike and Jan Wells - July 05, 2013 at 03:04 PM

DC

“ Veronica, I'm stunned by the news of Jerry's passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and the family.

Don Cowan - July 05, 2013 at 12:50 PM

SF

“ Shannon & Family, I wish I had the words to offer some comfort and ease some of your grief. I am truly heartbroken for you all. I remember Jerry's smile and laughter and what a great person he was. Love you all so very much.

Sherry Shreeve & Family - July 05, 2013 at 12:48 PM

LS

“ With deepest love and sympathy. May God be with you all. I love you all very much.

Lynda Gayle Strawn - July 05, 2013 at 12:43 PM

KM

“ Veronica, we were heartbroken when we heard about Jerry's sudden passing. You and your sweet family are in our hearts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time. We love you.

Kay & Paul McDaniel - July 05, 2013 at 12:11 PM

PK

“ Dear Shannon and family. We are so sorry for your loss and hope that GOD's love will comfort you during this time. We are keeping all of you in our hearts and prayers.

Paul & Mitzi Kellum - July 05, 2013 at 12:06 PM

TB

“ Jerry was a wonderful fraternity brother and friend. He was always the conscience of TKE. I have great memories of our time together at East Atlanta High and Georgia State. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Tommy Barber - July 05, 2013 at 11:31 AM

DG

“ Veronica and family, Prayers and thoughts are with you. Thank God for the wonderful life you shared with Jerry. He will be so missed by you and all the family.

Dianne Gilbreath - July 05, 2013 at 11:20 AM

DI

“ I haven't seen Jerry since we were fraternity brothers in TKE at Georgia State. He was a great brother and friend. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. I will pray for your family.

Darrell Ingram - July 05, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JB

“ Shannon, My heart aches for you and your family. Sending prayers, love and hugs to everyone.

Jerrie Baughman - July 05, 2013 at 09:53 AM

EB

“ So sorry to read in today's AJC of Jerry's death. I remember him from OFS and how he always seemed to be smiling. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Elaine Brock - July 05, 2013 at 09:50 AM

CC

“ Praying for your sweet family.

Caroline Reid Crow - July 05, 2013 at 06:48 AM

SW

“ Shannon, No words can ease your pain now, & no medical procedure can close the hole in your heart. My thoughts & prayers are with you, your Mom, Taylor & all of the family. May God Bless all of you & comfort you during this time of sadness. My love, Sandy Williams.

Sandy Williams - July 04, 2013 at 11:56 PM

GH

“ Veronica and family. Words cannot express our sadness. Jerry was an amazing husband, father and grandfather. We love all of you.

Gail and Marty Horne - July 04, 2013 at 11:44 PM

BB

“ Jerry was a joy to visit with. His sharp wit and humor will be missed by all you knew him. I pray that our heavenly Father will comfort his family and heal the hole in their hearts at such grief. BJ Bennett

BJ Bennett - July 04, 2013 at 07:49 PM

BD

“ Veronica and Family, I am so very sorry to hear about Jerry's death. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything to help you, I hope you will let me know. May the peace of God bring comfort to your hearts during this time of sorrow. Love you! Beverly Drake

Beverly Drake - July 04, 2013 at 06:38 PM

DA

“ Veronica, we are so sad to hear about Jerry. Such a wonderful man will be so missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you all.

David & Elizabeth Allen - July 04, 2013 at 06:38 PM

RH

“ *I pray for the Lord to hold you in his everlasting arms.*

Renee Huie - July 04, 2013 at 06:27 PM

NH

“ *Veronica, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He will certainly be missed by many many friends as he was a genuine person to so many. May the Lord be with you during this difficult time.*

Nancy Howell - July 04, 2013 at 06:12 PM

GP

“ *Veronica- I was saddened to hear about Jerry. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. May his memory be eternal. George Peppas*

George Peppas - July 04, 2013 at 06:00 PM

CL

“ *Veronica, I was so saddened to hear of Jerry's sudden passing. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you. He will be missed and I will miss running in to the two of you in and around Newnan.*

Cynthia Livingston - July 04, 2013 at 04:34 PM

LO

“ *Me heart is so broken to have loss such a dear friend. I am so blessed to have had Jerry in my life and spend such wonderful times with him and the family. He will be truly missed. Veronica, I am here for you and we will share our precious memories together for a very long time.*

Lorete - July 04, 2013 at 02:14 PM

KC

“ *Veronica & family: We were so sad to hear the news and we send all our love. You now have one of the most wonderful guardian angels watching over you. We are so glad you all have so many warm and glorious memories of such a loving and dear person. Jerry will be missed very much. Love to all of you,*

Kaye & Larry Carter - July 04, 2013 at 01:13 PM