



Jerrell David Melear

May 15, 1938 - May 10, 2026

Mr. Jerrell David Melear, 87, of Fairburn, GA, formerly of Newnan, GA, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital. He was born May 15, 1938, in Newnan to the late Bernard Mosley (Mutt) Melear and Ollie Faye Lott Melear. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Lynelle Melear Thames.

Jerrell grew up in Newnan and Fairburn and was a graduate of Campbell High School and an Eagle Scout. He played football for West Georgia College and was a proud graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He served in the US Navy on the USS Constellation during the Vietnam war. Jerrell worked for the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta for 30 years as a computer systems analyst, retiring in 1997. He had a keen interest in the history and archeology of the Southeast of the US and was an avid collector of southern decorative arts and historical objects such as old ceramics, bottles, native American artifacts, and more.

The funeral will be on Saturday, May 16, at 1:00. There will be a brief viewing at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, followed by a procession to Forest Lawn Cemetery in Newnan, where there will be a graveside service and burial. Condolences can be expressed at www.mkcoon.com.

Jerrell's survivors include his fiancé, Sally Chapman of Senoia, and her

extended family; son Nathan David (Emily) Melear of Watkinsville, GA; daughter Kelly Nan (Gil) Melear-Hough of Knoxville, TN; grandchildren, Jonah (Brooke) Duran of Knoxville, TN, Steven Duong of Raleigh, NC, Moira Nyah Melear of Portland, OR, Autumn Hough of Washington, DC; great grandchildren Leon Duran and Emilia Duran.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Upcoming Events

Funeral

MAY 16. 1:00 AM (ET)

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38 Jackson St.
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