



Jerry Woodrow Tillia

September 25, 1943 - January 28, 2026

Jerry Woodrow Tillia, Sr., age 82, passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital, surrounded by family. Jerry was born in Marietta, GA on September 25, 1943, to the late Woodrow Wilson Tillia and Carrie Arlene Waters Tillia.

Jerry was a man who found joy in simple, honest things and shared that joy freely with everyone around him. He loved the quiet patience of fishing, the steady care of tending a garden, and the comfort of cooking meals meant to bring people together. These weren't just hobbies to him—they were expressions of who he was: thoughtful, generous, and grounded.

Above all, Jerry treasured being a father. He showed his love through his presence, his guidance, and the example he set every day. As a friend, he was loyal and kind, always ready with a story, a laugh, or a helping hand. Time spent with him felt easy and genuine, the kind of company that made life better simply by being shared.

Those who knew Jerry will remember his warmth, his patience, his sense of humor, and the care he put into everything he did—whether casting a line, planting a seed, preparing a meal for people he loved, or just simply looking out at the ocean or mountains. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the lessons he quietly taught, and the love he gave so freely.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Kim Tillia; children, Donna Irene Tillia, Jerry W. Tillia, Jr., William Fredrick Tillia, and his beloved dog Sparky;

stepchildren, Tina Diane Hawkins (Fred), Katie Lynn Anderson (Lynsey); grandchildren, David Dorman, Christopher Wilkerson, Jerry W. Tillia, III, Marsha Reile, Joseph Tillia, Jennifer Tillia, Heather Tillia, Victoria Frazier, Alexis Hawkins, Christian Hawkins, Jesse Hawkins, and numerous great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Eva Runette Nobles, Betty Roper (Johnny), and Debra Arnold.

Family service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim, I was so shocked to see Jerry's obituary. Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolences. You and your family are in my prayers. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.*

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