



Jewell Winford Tipton

September 6, 1944 - October 17, 2024

Mr. Jewell Winford Tipton, 80, of Newnan, formerly of Dial, GA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at his home. He was born September 6, 1944, in Blue Ridge, GA, to the late Claude Tipton and Jessie Kendall Tipton.

Known as "Bub" by his brothers and "Tip" by his in-laws, Jewell graduated from Fannin County High School and soon left the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia in 1962 to join the US Air Force. In the Air Force, he went to school to learn how to be an aircraft mechanic and, upon graduation from training, was assigned to B-52s at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. He deployed to Fairbanks, Alaska, and Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. It was on a beach in Puerto Rico that he met his future bride, Martha Ingram. The daughter of an Air Force Senior Master Sergeant, Martha and her family were also stationed at Ramey, AFB. Martha soon left for college but could not forget the young airmen she had met in Puerto Rico. They decided to elope and were married in Blue Ridge, GA. After a few different jobs in the metro Atlanta area, Jewell went back to what he learned in the Air Force and applied as a mechanic for Delta Airlines in 1966. Jewell and Martha moved to Smyrna, GA, and bought a home where they lived until 1982. They moved to Newnan looking for a quieter life and bought a home in the Roscoe area. Jewell worked for Delta for 34 years, retiring in 2001.

Growing up in the North Georgia mountains with the Toccoa River practically in his front yard, Jewell learned to hunt and fish at a young age and fostered that love throughout his life. He wanted to instill his love of the outdoors in his children and, through the years, took his family on many memorable trips. His time in Alaska in the Air Force stuck with him, and when his children were old enough, they started taking multiple trips to Alaska to fish for salmon, spending a week or more in isolated areas only accessible by float plane or small grass landing strips. Jewell had a passion for shooting sports and has a long line of youth and adults who have spent time receiving instruction and shooting time on his backyard gun range. He was an NRA-certified instructor and participated in 4-H shooting sports as a volunteer and with the Boy Scouts of America in their shooting sports program. From black powder muzzle-loading rifles to military-grade high-powered rifles, Jewell enjoyed the concentration, patience, and expertise required to compete in target matches. In addition to his love of shooting, Jewell was an amateur historian and focused primarily on World War II history, participating in Newnan High School's History Day events and many local parades, driving his Deuce-and-a-Half and various military-style jeeps. He loved educating students on WWII history often displaying the different weapons used and gear that was worn by infantry and paratroopers. Jewell loved spending his retirement introducing shooting sports to the young, including his own grandchildren.

Jewell's wishes were to be interned at the National Military Cemetery in Canton, GA, a fitting tribute to his service. A small service for families will be held, with the date yet to be set.

Condolences can be expressed online at <http://www.mckoon.com>.

Survivors include wife Martha Ingram Tipton of Newnan; daughter Janet Tipton Elrod & husband Lee Elrod of Newnan; son Robert Tipton & wife Kim Thompson Tipton of Newnan; brother Wilburn Tipton of Blue Ridge, GA;

brother Richard Tipton of Dallas, GA; grandchildren, Scarlett Elrod Hebert & husband Brandon Hebert, James Elrod & wife Shelby Chumley, Robert Tipton, Jr. & wife Rebekah Cobb Tipton, Mary Tipton, and Jake Tipton; great-grandchildren, Peter Hebert and Clyde Elrod.

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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have good memories of Jewell Tipton. We graduated high school together...the caption under his yearbook picture read "grab it and growl". We both joined the Air Force after graduation and went our separate ways. We were ran together for a while. First thing I did when I moved back to Georgia 41 years ago was look for him...never did find him, tho. Was saddened when I saw his obituary in the BlueRidge paper. My condolences to his family....Bill (Nick) Nixon.

Bill (Nick) Nixon - October 30, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ Mr. Jewell, as I always called him, was the man that stood with my grandfather and taught me to shoot. I always thought of him and Ms. Martha as "adopted"grandparents. He encouraged and coached me at every step of my shooting journey. My grandfather thinks the absolutely world of Mr. Jewell as a person and as a much beloved friend. I will never forget moments, teachings, and laughs shared with Mr. Jewell. I was maybe 9 years old when I first met Mr. Jewell, and I am beyond grateful that I was able to have my daughter (age 2) meet a person who has taught me so much. My heart breaks with the family he has left behind, but I know he's back to cracking jokes and his hilarious impressions. I'll see you on the other side one day, Mr. Jewell.

Chenoa Corley - October 28, 2024 at 10:57 PM

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Lee Elrod - October 22, 2024 at 09:47 AM

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Lee Elrod - October 21, 2024 at 04:07 PM

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“ Our family has many fond memories of the kind man Jewell was. He visited in our home many times and we always enjoyed his visits. Jewell was a great neighbor and friend, easy to talk to. Johnny and Jewell rode to work together for years and had many things in common. They both were in the USAF at the same time. They enjoyed talking tractors, trucks, guns and work. We appreciate him teaching the safety of guns to our grandson. It is because of Jewell that Cameron loves guns. We sort of lost touch after Johnny’s retirement when we had to spent a lot of time caring for his mom in NC and camping a lot. Then we both had physical problems to kick in. But Jewell is the kind of friend you just never forget. Our family will always remember him as a special friend and neighbor. We send our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to Martha, Robert, Janet and their families. You are all just great friends and neighbors and we appreciate your friendship through the years. May God Bless each of you!!

Johnny&Judy Walker and Family - October 21, 2024 at 03:28 PM

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Lee Elrod - October 20, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BC

“ I knew Jewel and worked with him in Line Mtc. for many years. I considered him a good friend and a great person to be around. He was down to earth easy to talk to. We had a lot in common, being both Airforce and both 80 at this point in life.

Benny Coile - October 19, 2024 at 10:54 PM

GA

“ I just loved this man, my buddy. He brought me many gut deep laughs and kindness for many years of my life. My wishes for the family - especially my friend, Janet - is that the memories you have like this bring you some comfort going forward. I will always remember the great Jewell Tipton fondly in all four of my heart chambers!

Ginger Adcock - October 19, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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“ OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS. THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBORS ON BROMER ROAD. GOD BLESS. Joan Smith Hanson and family

Joan Smith Hanson - October 19, 2024 at 07:11 AM

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“ Many good memories as a child with my uncle Bub! He was always so kind and good to me! As an adult I guess we didn't stay close but so many great memories as a child with uncle Bub! Prayers for all the family!

Connie Tipton Taylor - October 18, 2024 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ I and my family are deeply saddened upon learning this morning learning this morning of our close neighbor and longtime friend Jewell. While constructing our home in Roscoe in the early eighties Jewell and Martha took me in as a family member and feeding me at lunch to enable me to get a full days of work in which I am forever grateful. Our children were the same age as theirs and went to school together. Jewell was a staple of what an American man is made of and loved his country. I bid him a fond journey to heaven and know I'll see him there when my time is up also. Amen brother!

Michael Bright - October 18, 2024 at 11:10 AM