



## Joe "Coach" Burson

April 8, 1943 - April 13, 2017

Joe "Coach" Burson, 74, of Albany, Georgia passed away Thursday April 13, 2017.

Joe was born April 8, 1943, he was the son of the late Malcom and Sara Jane Burson. Joe is survived by his longtime girlfriend, Kathryn Hightower; children, Scott (Kristin) Burson, Wesley Burson and Julie (Jim) Hughie; brother, Robert "Bobby" Burson; grandchildren, Sarah Ann Hughie, Byers James Burson and Maddy Grace Burson,

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

Joe was a graduate of UGA as well as played football (Safety 1962-1965) for the Georgia Bulldogs. Joe was an educator and avid golfer and was inducted in to the Coweta County Sports Hall of Fame.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. The family will receive friends Saturday from 12:00-1:45 PM at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery  
96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

GN

“ So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I have wonderful memories of him . Coaching , golfing and best man in my wedding .He was truly a great guy. Always a friend. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**gordon notwood** - June 18, 2017 at 08:26 PM

DD

“ This is to Scott, Julie, Kathryn and the rest of Joe's family.....I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing, but I know he is up in heaven, running and going for those long passes, like the one in 1962 that will go down in GA Bulldog football history. I know we are not supposed to have favorites as patients, but Joe possessed a natural charm and warmth that was irresistible to all of us at Ansley Park! I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him and know him. He brought out the best in all of us, I think. He was a Southern gentleman and an all around great guy. Love ya, Coach!

*Dawn Dickson, Ansley Park Rehab*

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**Dawn Dickson** - April 19, 2017 at 08:22 PM

BW

“ I would like to send along my sincere condolences to all of Joe's family and loved ones. We started and finished at Georgia as classmates, football teammates and as special friends. Joe was a great guy, a heck of a player and a person who was liked and admired by everyone who new him. I always remember him as a guy who usually had a warm grin on his face. We all will miss Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

*Sincerely,  
Barry Wilson*

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**Barry Wilson** - April 19, 2017 at 04:27 PM

CF

“ Joe was one of the nicest guys I have ever known. He never met a stranger and always had time to carry on a conversation. I first met Joe when he came to Albany and was coaching football at Deerfield-Windsor. A group of us had a softball team made up of local coaches and Joe was a perfect fit. To say Joe knew football was an understatement! He truly loved his family and would let you know it. He will be missed. Sincerely, Cecil Fowler.

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**cecil fowler** - April 17, 2017 at 01:59 PM

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“ May the God of all comfort and tender mercies be with you at this difficult time.



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**nkr~John 11:25** - April 17, 2017 at 09:58 AM

CF

“ Coach Burson was the best coach and mentor I ever had. Not only did he teach you how to play the game of football he guided us to be true men and respectful. I have never forgotten his pre game speech before the semi state play off when I was at Deerfield. Thanks Coach and may you rest in peace.



*Chuck Findley  
Deerfield-Windsor 1980*

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**Chuck Findley** - April 15, 2017 at 09:18 PM

KP

“ *A fine man and a better friend!!*

Kathryn payne - April 15, 2017 at 07:14 PM

RF

“ *Ritchey Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joe "Coach" Burson.*



Ritchey Family - April 15, 2017 at 10:53 AM

DC

“ *Rest In Peace my friend. I enjoyed and I will miss my visits at the rehab home. Davis Camp*

Davis Camp - April 15, 2017 at 09:00 AM

LG

“ *Thoughts are with Three Beautiful Children and all the family.*

*Love, Linda Goodman and Mary Averett*

Linda Goodman - April 15, 2017 at 08:54 AM

SM

“ *I was fortunate to know him as "Coach" Burson and he was the most humble gentleman that I know. He will be missed and his family will be in our prayers.*

*Steve C. Moore  
Westover High Class of '97  
Columbus, Georgia*

Stephen Moore - April 14, 2017 at 10:21 PM

NR

“ *Thinking of this family at this time!*  
*Nancy Reimer*  
*Albany, GA*

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**Nancy Reimer** - April 14, 2017 at 07:23 PM

WB

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**Wayne Brantley** - April 14, 2017 at 03:21 PM

GP

“ *I am so sorry to here of the passing of our very good friend and teammate. He will be missed by so many and I am glad to say I was his friend and teammate.*  
*Sincerely George Patton Football Georgia 64- 66.*

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**George Patton** - April 14, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joe "Coach" Burson.*



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April 14, 2017 at 11:28 AM

CC

“ C.W.Matthews Contracting Co. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe "Coach" Burson.



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**C.W.Matthews Contracting Co.** - April 14, 2017 at 11:24 AM

TP

“ Terry and Kim Pulley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe "Coach" Burson.



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**Terry and Kim Pulley** - April 14, 2017 at 09:55 AM

FF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joe. He was a great man and athlete. I remember seeing him play for UGA when I was a kid. I thought it was so neat that someone from Newnan was playing for Georgia. My prayers are with all of the family.  
Sincerely,  
Frank M. Farmer

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**FRANK FARMER** - April 14, 2017 at 08:17 AM

JH

“ Remember Joe well. He was a freshman my senior season at UGA. Joe was a talented and tough as nails ball player. Just a damn good Dog!!  
John Paul Holmes  
Tackle 58-62

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**John Paul Holmes** - April 13, 2017 at 08:34 PM

EA

“ Joe was my freshman coach at UGA. He was a good coach and a good friend. Nothing but fond memories of coach. One thing for sure that I remember, he didn't like to lose. RIP. Ed Allen Athens

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**Ed Allen** - April 13, 2017 at 12:40 PM