



John P. Goodrum, Jr.

November 12, 1946 - April 20, 2025

John Paul Goodrum, Jr., died on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, after a brief illness. He was born November 12, 1946, in Savannah, Georgia, to John Paul Goodrum and Josephine Maddox Goodrum. John spent his early years in Savannah, where he developed a love of baseball at a young age. He loved sharing stories about riding his bike to Daffin Park and watching the Savannah Pirates play minor league baseball. His family moved to Macon, Georgia, where he graduated in 1964 from Lanier School for Boys. He then attended Auburn University, was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, and graduated in 1970 from the Harrison School of Pharmacy.

In 1970, John married Marsha Steverson of Sheffield, Alabama. They moved to Newnan, where John worked for Lee-King Drug Company. Over the next few years, he also worked as Head Pharmacist at Coweta General Hospital. In 1982, he and his partner, Bobby Lee, opened Lee-Goodrum Pharmacy. John operated Lee-Goodrum Pharmacy until his retirement in 2020. He absolutely loved his customers and employees, many of whom were like family to him.

In 1980, John was elected to the Newnan City Council, where he served until 2006, as both a Council member and as Mayor Pro-Tempore. During this time, he witnessed significant growth in the city of Newnan. He remained focused on his desire for 'smart growth' to ensure the continued charm of his historical

town. In keeping with his service to the community, John was also involved with numerous other civic organizations. He served on the Board of Directors of BB&T, the Newnan Country Club, the Newnan Convention Authority, the Newnan Hospital Authority, and others. John was also a proud member of First United Methodist Church, his church home for over 55 years, where he served in many leadership roles.

John absolutely loved Auburn University. "If you love Auburn, Auburn loves you back" was his motto. On most fall Saturdays, you could find him in his favorite seats in Jordan Hare Stadium. He equally loved spending time at Plainsman Park for Auburn baseball and Neville Arena watching Auburn basketball. As the grandchildren grew older, nothing pleased him more than taking them to an Auburn sporting event and sharing a lemonade with them at Toomer's Drugstore. John loved his alma mater and proudly served as a member of the Samford Society and the Apothecary Society of the Harrison School of Pharmacy. John lived the Auburn Creed which emphasized hard work, education, honesty, compassion, patriotism, and faith.

As his family grew, his grandchildren became his pride and joy. Nothing made him happier than spending a beautiful summer afternoon on Lake Martin on his boat with his grandchildren. Known as G'Daddy, golf cart rides, ice cream treats, and feeding the turtles made his days on Lake Martin extra special. John loved to travel. He and Marsha were fortunate enough to travel extensively on wonderful trips, making many memories with dear friends.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marsha; children Elizabeth (Michael) Terrell of Newnan; Anne Miller Smith (Doug) of Atlanta, GA; and John Paul Goodrum III (Laura) of Houston, TX; his sister, Pam Evans (Barry) of Brentwood, TN; grandchildren Jack Terrell, Corinne Terrell, Will Smith, Mary Louise Smith, Johnny Goodrum, George Goodrum, Eleanor Smith, James Goodrum, and Michael Goodrum.

The memorial service will be held Friday, April 25, 2025, at 1 pm at Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, Georgia, 30263. Memorials may be made in John's memory to Newnan First United Methodist Church (33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA, 30263) or to Auburn University Foundation (HCOP Advancement, 2316 Walker Building, Auburn, AL 36849). All funds will go directly to the John P. Goodrum '70 Endowed Scholarship in the Harrison College of Pharmacy.

<https://alumniq.auburn.edu/giving/to/GoodrumJrMem?appealcode=GOODRUMMEMW>

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

SC

“ To the extended Goodrum family. May the wings of angels keep you uplifted as you celebrate John's earthly journey. I met John as I worked as a nurse practitioner and exchanged stories about how I grew up the daughter of a RPh, we also owned our pharmacy. John was a source of support during my 30 years working in the Atlanta area, always helpful to ensure prescriptions were filled first, not just based on ability to pay. His humor , just like my dad's kept us bonded in the community that we loved.

Shari Clarke - May 26, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MG

“ Mary Greene lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Mary Greene - April 25, 2025 at 02:26 PM

AC

“ So many beautiful tributes to Dr. Goodrum, and all well deserved. I used to hear him question customers in a lighthearted way while I was waiting for my prescription. Without many of them realizing it, he was determining if they were taking their meds correctly. Amazingly, when you visited his pharmacy you could walk out with your prescription within a few minutes. And he still had time to speak to everyone, answer any questions you had, and recommend otc drugs for you.

When George was diagnosed with leukemia, he was a tremendously strong rock for me. He had one of his staff deliver all the meds and supplies, a long list, on her way home that evening because he knew George did not feel like waiting.

He was a wonderful man, an outstanding pharmacist, and a good friend. Since there is no sickness in Heaven, maybe he can catch up with all of his friends there. And maybe watch, or play, a little sports.

I don't know any of you, but I pray God's blessings and comfort for you. I'm glad I was able to be part of Dr. Goodrum's extended family.

Alice Mask Coggin

Alice Coggin - April 24, 2025 at 11:39 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hannah lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Sharon Hannah - April 24, 2025 at 05:23 PM

JL

“ We always looked forward to seeing John at the pharmacy and elsewhere, with his smile and friendly attitude. When he said he was retiring it upset us, but he said he would still be coming around - and he did! Always taking time to chat. We, along with so many will miss him - but we still have the memories. John and Mary Lynn Lager

John & Mary Lynn Lager - April 24, 2025 at 09:02 AM

GP

“ Words are so inadequate at a time such as this. John was a special person
He was our pharmacist as well as a good friend He will be missed by all who was fortunate to know him God bless you Marsha

Gerrie Petty - April 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM

DJ

“ Mr John was a special caring man with small town values. Years ago, I couldn't afford my medication. Mr John gave it to me and told me to pay when I could.
There are no words that adequately describe how much he was a Godly man.

Don Jones Jr - April 24, 2025 at 04:23 AM

KC

“ Katherine Coker lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Katherine Coker - April 23, 2025 at 09:15 PM

RU

“ Ms. Marsha I will miss Mr. Johnny. May he rest in peace. Thanks for always bringing me the cheese straws to the tailgates. Praying for peace for you and your family. War Eagle!

Ronnie Underwood - April 23, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LB

“ Linda Banks lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Linda Banks - April 23, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SP

Marsha, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. John was very special man who always had time to chat.he loved his community and citizens. Sarah Pike

sarah pike - April 24, 2025 at 01:18 PM

PW

“ My deepest sympathy to the families I knew Mr Goodman he was a very nice man RIP
Patricia West & Family

Patricia Hall West - April 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ *Ms. Marsha and family
So stocked to hear this news! John was a kind
hearted man. Many prayers are being sent your way. My
heartbreaks for you, Ms. Susan Lee and Ms. Leah Sumner at the
loss of your
spouses. God bless you with added strength during this time.
Sincerely Joan Smith Hanson*

Joan Smith Hanson - April 23, 2025 at 03:49 AM

DV

“ *Mr. John Good rum was a good pharmist*



Debbie Vanderford - April 22, 2025 at 05:03 PM

SB

“ *Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of John
P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Shirley Borders - April 22, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JS

Such a kind man. We will all miss him and will pray for your family.

jane and Bob Schnetzer - April 23, 2025 at 07:47 AM

DT

“ Sorry to hear about John, he was always good to me at Auburn. Funny thing about John, he always asked for 2 years why a Greek person from Maryland came to Auburn. And always told because I never would have to shovel snow. He laughed and said "that is a crazy reason" and I said "Try shoveling snow John" I loved seeing him and his family on Facebook. God bless him and may his memory be " Eternal"

Danny Troupos - April 22, 2025 at 02:47 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Gerrie Petty - April 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM

KH

“ You all are in My Thoughts And Prayers he was always a good person very nice and would always help the best her could May he rest in peace



Kay Cochran Hemmings - April 22, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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BF

“ I fondly remember SheepDog at Auburn. Always had a smile on his face, ready with a good story, and just a good friend and roommate to Eddie (Big Man), James (Rabbit), and Frank (Wombacher). Also appreciate the many years he served as a City Councilman here in Newnan to make our town the wonderful place it is. Rest in peace Johnnie. Buddy



Buddy Fowle - April 22, 2025 at 11:57 AM

ER

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Mr. John family & friends. When I saw you a few weeks ago. I didn't know that it would be the last time. I saw you. You will be truly missed.



Enesta Favors Reeves - April 22, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JW

“ It was always a pleasure to go to Lee Goodrum Pharmacy because John would personally come to the window. He was helpful in answering questions. He asked about my family and showed how much he cared about his customers. Jane Westberry

Jane Westberry - April 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM

KT

“ *Kelvin Thompson lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Kelvin Thompson - April 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM

MW

“ *Marsha and Family -*

John was a good man! Thinking of you.

*Max and Trois Wall
Athens,, GA*

Max Wall - April 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM

GF

“ *Mr. John was my mama and daddy's pharmacist but also friend. There will be a hole in our community with his loss that cant be easily filled. The Tarpley's continued to be daddy's pharmacist after Mr. John retired.*

Lord I know he got on Mr. Casey's nerves calling all the time. They are doing an excellent job to fill the void left by this loss and I know they will continue to do so. My prayers go out to the whole Goodrum family and all the many friends left behind. From a UGA fan who bleeds red and black, I shout out, War Damn Eagle Mr. John. May you rest in peace sir.



Gadd Family - April 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PJ

My sister and I got to know Mr. John at Coweta General Hospital on Hospital Road in Newnan, Georgia. Mr. John and my mother had a great work relationship and later starting using Lee -Goodrum Pharmacy when they opened and continued until her and my dad's passing, we used Mr. John's pharmacy because we were treated as family. My heart aches for the loss. Prayers go out to his wife and family. God bless and keep you and your family. Prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Patti Jones Dewberry Susan, Carroll - JP - April 22, 2025 at 11:39 AM

RB

“ *John touched so many lives in Coweta County, mine being one of them. Praying for your family.* ”



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - April 22, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MY

“ *Our prayers to Marsha and Family. John was a good friend, a kind and compassionate man. We spent a many fall Saturday afternoons/evenings tailgating in Auburn cheering on the Tigers. A true Auburn man through and through. War Eagle! my friend. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family* ”

Mike&Bev Yeager - April 22, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DS

“ Mr. John was a great man. He was smiling and so kind to my family always. He took care of my mother and daddy Ralph & June Segrest and now my family David and Karen . My mother always made sure he had some treats for everyone at the holiday seasons. Thank you Mr. John for being my family’s pharmacist but more than that for being our friend.

May God hold your family in the palm of his hand in this difficult time.

David & Karen Segrest

David Segrest - April 22, 2025 at 08:37 AM

KA

“ Mr. John filled my families prescriptions - always with real concern and some free cheering up! He made sure I was ok at college when my mama would check everything the infirmary in Charleston was doing back with him. If he didn’t agree, he always helped my mama get me what I really needed. It was just part of taking care of his patients like family. Prayers to his precious family for comfort.

katie - April 22, 2025 at 06:40 AM

EB

“ Mr. John Goodrum will be sorely missed! 💔 He was an exceptional pharmacist, a true Southern gentleman, and a beautiful human being. He was a wonderful friend and advisor to my late parents, who trusted him with all of their prescriptions for many years. Rest easy Mr. John ❤️

Ellen Britt - April 22, 2025 at 12:03 AM

TG

“ He was my family pharmacist when we lived in Newnan and was always so friendly.
I remember stepping into the store one day with a minor personal concern on my mind that was obvious by my face. He immediately made me laugh with his light hearted response. Sending prayers for the family; very sorry for your loss.

Tammy Greathouse - April 21, 2025 at 10:41 PM

SS

“ I will always remember how good John was to me when I was going through some health issues. If I was given a new prescription I would never have him fill it without confirming that it was safe for me to take. He would even call my doctor and often got something different for me. I had far more confidence in him than most of the doctors I was seeing at that time. Though not related to me he made me feel like one of his family. There will never be another one like him. My prayers go out to his family. He was a very special man. Shirley Stefanini.

Shirley Stefanini - April 21, 2025 at 10:29 PM

WF

“ Our condolences and prayers to the family



Willie and Sharon Sutton and family - April 21, 2025 at 10:22 PM

TS

“ John Jr. Was a great man ! I Know that he touched so many people in such a great loving way and my family was no exception if one of us saw him somewhere he would always ask about the rest of the family and actually really listened and was concerned, That was the type of man he was. Love ya John



Timothy Buchanan Sr. - April 21, 2025 at 10:08 PM

CH

“ John was definitely one of a kind and truly cared about his customers and his community. Prayers for the family, you will definitely be missed



Cynthia Hernandez - April 21, 2025 at 09:13 PM

CA

“ I worked in the pharmacy at Coweta General with John , one summer he took the week off to paint his house and the drug inspector came on a surprise visit to the hospital, one of us had to slip out and call him at home as I told the inspector that he must be in the men's room, in about 10 minutes John came strolling in with paint all over his glasses and his clothes and the inspector said "men's room huh" so we all were busted trying to cover for him. He was a great supervisor and there was nothing that we wouldn't do for him. I am sure that he and Miss Ann are having a good time reliving those Coweta General days. Fly high my old friend.

Cathy Houston Adams - April 21, 2025 at 09:12 PM

LN

*I didn't know Mr. Goodrum until my grandson, Casey Tarpley, went to work at the pharmacy while attending Emory Pharmaceutical College! After Casey's graduation, Mr. Goodrum hired Casey and that's when I started getting to know what kind of man Mr. Goodrum was! I learned that he was more than a good man! He was a man that loved his family, his community, his customers and his Pharmacy team that included my grandsons, Casey, Andrew and Hunter and my granddaughter in law, Alison!
I will always be grateful to him for believing them!
Thanks Mr. John! RIP!
Prayers for and God bless his Family!*

Larry Nation - April 21, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LS

So sad to hear about John Goodrum! Best boss I ever had! I wanted to stay in the pharmacy when I finished RN school! Best Boss ever!!

Linda Smith - May 03, 2025 at 07:22 PM

DB

“ John was always so kind when we went to the pharmacy. He would always have something funny to tell me about the town or his sweet children. I will always miss him at Lee-Goodrum and I feel we are all better people just for knowing this wise, sweet man!

Donna Bellisle - April 21, 2025 at 08:24 PM

KG

*“ Marsha, You and your sweet family are in my thoughts and prayers. John Goodrum was a wonderful man
So many great memories that I will always cherish.
I love you and am thinking of you during this time.*

Kay Glover - April 21, 2025 at 08:03 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hall-Tolbert lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Vickie Hall-Tolbert - April 21, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JW

“ I'm sorry to hear this sad news. Mr. Goodrum surely loved Auburn! Thinking of you all.

Jennifer Welch - April 21, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RP

“ Renee Proctor lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.



Renee Proctor - April 21, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CB

“ “Mr. John” was a really kindhearted person!

He always gave me a hug when I came into the pharmacy. I consider him to have been my friend to the fullest extent that a pharmacist could legally and ethically be with a customer!

He was a sweet man who will be missed!



Chelsea Grasmeyer (maiden Chelsea Brown) - April 21, 2025 at 06:57 PM

MT

My husband & I both started using John's pharmacy right after he opened. He was always the sweetest & kindest man. We loved to go into the pharmacy & talk to him. And yes, he would give the best hugs! We have missed seeing him but he does have a team of very nice people who took over his business. We always considered him a wonderful friend!

Marie Taylor - April 21, 2025 at 07:09 PM

JG

“ *Such a good and decent man. RIP*

Judith Graetz - April 21, 2025 at 06:51 PM

JJ

“ *egstalston would let my son out of the hospital back in the 80s john would meat me at the drug store and fill his perstripsion at 2 ans 3 in the morning was and always be a dear friend.*

james johns - April 21, 2025 at 06:48 PM

LI

“ *Lindsay lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Lindsay - April 21, 2025 at 06:47 PM

RW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. John's passing. Praying for you Mrs. Marsha and all of your family.*
Ruth Jones Warren

ruth warren - April 21, 2025 at 06:46 PM

WT

“ *Wanda Torrence lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Wanda Torrence - April 21, 2025 at 06:42 PM

SN

“ *John was a very special person. He never met a stranger and never forgot who his friends were. He was always so very helpful to me and my family at his pharmacy and we'll never forget his kindness or his laugh. He could certainly make you feel better any time you were in his store and he didn't need medication to do that. He will always be fondly remembered. Condolences to Martha and his entire family. Prayers for all.*

Sue Nolen - April 21, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JW

“ *Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Joy Williams - April 21, 2025 at 05:42 PM

JW

“ *Marsha and family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was our pharmacist and friend for many years. He will surely be missed. May God give you strength and peace through this time. Love, Joy Williams*

Joy Williams - April 21, 2025 at 05:41 PM

GB

Saddened to hear of John's death. My condolences to the family. John was a super nice man. He treated you like family and was always concerned about you. He will Be missed by all.

Gwenda Boone - April 21, 2025 at 06:01 PM

LY

“ *Lynn Yeager lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Lynn Yeager - April 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Sutton lit a candle in memory of John P. Goodrum, Jr.*



Brenda sutton - April 21, 2025 at 05:26 PM

BS

*I worked with John many years at the hospital. He was my pharmacist at Lee Goodrum...
John will surely be missed*

Brenda sutton - April 21, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BS

God bless John's family and friends 🙏

Brenda sutton - April 21, 2025 at 05:28 PM

CP

We could not have met a nicer person than John Goodrum! He was an exceptional person and kind to everyone....he will be missed..

Cindy Powell - April 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM