



## John Raymond Pedersen

May 28, 1934 - July 11, 2017

John Raymond Pedersen, age 83, passed away in the early morning of Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at home in Newnan, GA. He was born in Gibbon, NE on May 28, 1934 to the late Olaf Pedersen and Clara Teitz Pedersen. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Dayton Pedersen, Dick Pedersen, and his sister Gloria Pedersen Bartak.

Mr. Pedersen graduated from Gibbon High School in 1952 and then attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Economics. He married his wife, LaVonne, on July 1st, 1956 and moved to Washington D.C. and started work with the Department of Agriculture as an agricultural economist. While there they had their three loving children and he attained his masters degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Maryland. Also, he attained his realtors license. In 1969, he left the Department of Agriculture and moved to St. Louis, Missouri accepting the vice president of marketing with Ralston Purina. In 1973, he relocated to Atlanta, GA to accept a vice president of marketing position with United Egg Producers. In 1976, he left and started his own business named Poultry & Egg Fax.

He was an avid golfer, horse-shoe enthusiast, champion bowler, and gardener. He loved to grow roses in their backyard. He was a lifelong enthusiastic Nebraska Cornhusker fan and member of the Georgians for

Nebraska fan club. He and his wife loved to travel and have been to many locations across the world from Australia, South Africa, Egypt, Europe, and most states including Alaska and Hawaii.

Mr. Pedersen and his wife were founding members of Allgood Road United Methodist Church in Stone Mountain, GA. They were also members at Decatur First United Methodist Church in Decatur, GA.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, LaVonne Weston Pedersen; son, Wendell (Meg) Pedersen; daughters, Denise (Roland) McDonald; JoVonne (Eric) Thomas; grandchildren, Sara (Antonio) Delgado, Rachel McDonald, Mary McDonald, Nate Thomas, and Daphne Thomas. He is also survived by his brothers Leonard (Phyllis) Pedersen and Don (Gerry) Pedersen and sister-in-law D. Pedersen. And survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

The funeral service is Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Rev. Ed Tomlinson officiating. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Contributions will be used to establish a scholarship at Gibbon High School in honor of John Pedersen.

A reception will immediately follow the service Saturday at Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville Street Newnan, GA 30263

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ John Pedersen was, quite simply, one of the nicest people I have met in my life. We shared a few games of golf, back in the day, and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. Miss Vonnie, Wendell, and the rest of the family whom I did not know, please accept my deepest condolences on Mr. P's passing. (That was my nickname for him.) May he rest in peace, and may the Good Lord extend to you some measure of comfort.

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**Toby Moore** - August 07, 2017 at 01:54 PM

SJ

“ Thank you for the opportunity to have cared for John. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Sacred Journey** - July 25, 2017 at 10:52 AM

BM

“ We will always have fond memories of John, our great friend and all around fantastic human being. Co-hosting some unbelievably fun parties with John and LaVonne will always be highlights of our lives. We love you John and will catch up with you on the road ahead. We aren't far behind you.

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**Bonnie and Ted Murphy** - July 16, 2017 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ Thinking of you all at this most difficult time.

*Lou and Lisa Williams  
Sacred Journey Hospice*

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**Lisa Williams** - July 14, 2017 at 05:14 PM

DK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that you will feel God's loving arms around you in comfort at this time and in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy, Walter, Debbie, Carly, & Paige Krauth

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**Deborah Krauth** - July 14, 2017 at 09:23 AM

AW

“ Such a sweet man. He will be fondly remembered by the Texas Westons.

*Anna-Maria*



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**Anna Weston** - July 14, 2017 at 07:10 AM

CP

“ I'm am truly sorry to hear of John's passing.

*My thoughts and prayers,*

*Carole Pedersen*

*Holdrege, NE*

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**Carole Pedersen** - July 13, 2017 at 03:54 PM



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McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 13, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ To my loving father I will miss you terribly! May God give you eternal rest. Rest in peace Daddy! I love you!

Love,  
Denise McDonald

Denise McDonald - July 12, 2017 at 11:26 PM



“ May God bless you in your time of sorrow.

Nkr~John 11:25 - July 12, 2017 at 05:48 PM



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