



John Berl Thompson, Jr.

April 11, 1953 - February 11, 2026

Mr. John Berl Thompson, Jr., 72, of Newnan, GA passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2026 peacefully at home surrounded by family.

He was born April 11, 1953 in Lancashire, England to the late John Berl Thompson & Mary "Joanne" Anderson Thompson. John was a 1971 graduate of Windsor Forest High School, where he served as senior class president, was named salutatorian, and received the State of Georgia Merit Scholarship to the Georgia Institute of Technology. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Tech in 1977 and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. An active member of the Boy Scouts, he was honored with the Order of the Arrow.

John spent 21 years as a territory manager with Milliken, working in both the textile division and semiconductor industry. His career and travels took him across the country, including fourteen years in Orlando before settling in Newnan in 1995. A devoted member of First United Methodist Church, he served faithfully, including four years as president of the Agape Sunday school class. Known for his love of golf and his remarkable skill with his hands, he enjoyed refinishing furniture, hanging pictures, and creating beautiful flower pots. Many in the community fondly knew him from his nine years at Publix, and he was often greeted with a warm "Hey Mr. John" wherever he went.

A memorial service for John will be held Saturday, February 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St, Newnan with Reverend Andrew Chappell officiating. A reception will immediately follow the

service in the Annex Hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Newnan First United Methodist Church Preschool or Youth Ministry.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Jennifer "Jenny" Johnson (James) of Foley, Alabama.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Lee Thompson; his two sons, Trey Thompson (Laura) and Pate Thompson, both of Newnan; his three grandchildren- John, Nora, and Jack Thompson; two sisters, Jackie (Arte) Ferrell of Daphne, Alabama and Jessica Rene (Larry) Buehler of Stevensville, Michigan. John is also survived by 10 nieces and 1 nephew.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
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Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ John was a high school classmate of mine, and we shared several classes together. We shared mutual friends. I remember his blue eyes and smile.

Jan Leslie Therrien - March 07 at 02:16 PM



“ I knew John in high school. We traveled in different social circles for the most part, but I knew him as a smart student and a decent guy. I was president of our junior class and he became president of our senior class. Condolences to his family, I'm sure he will be missed.

Craig Propst - February 25 at 09:18 AM



“ John was our work teammate and valued friend for many a year at Millikan & Co All loved playing golf with him and enjoyed just hanging out Our condolences to within the Family John lives in us Dan Carubia Terry Topp Phil Gasaway Bill Rice Tom Humphrey Glenn Yates Stu Grainger Bill Blackstock

Dan Carubia - February 18 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Berl Thompson, Jr..

February 14 at 03:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Berl Thompson, Jr..



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