



Joseph E. Ables

August 27, 1946 - January 4, 2022

Joseph Ables, 75, passed away on January 4, 2022, in Newnan, GA. He was born on August 27, 1946, in College Park, Fulton County, GA, to the late Joseph Clyde Ables and Margaret Williams Ables Bishop.

Joseph graduated from Forest Park High School in 1964 and joined the Navy in September 1964. He served on the USS Affray MSO-511 and on the USS Cone DD866. After receiving an honorable discharge, he started his career as a Law Enforcement Officer and went on to work for several agencies including the Coweta County Sheriff's Office where he retired in October of 2013 after 25 years of service and was called back to work in 2019 by Sheriff Lenn Wood to work at the Justice Center. Joe loved his job and loved working.

Joe married Gina Mathews on May 25, 1988, in Hapeville, GA. They enjoyed traveling together. He was the love of her life as she was his.

Joe enjoyed playing golf, teaching, and playing bass for the church, but he was best known for his love for the Lord and singing gospel music. He sang several years solo and in 1999, Gina joined him to form the duet. They were voted Music City Gospel Showcase Favorite Duet in 2003. He had three songs to chart in the US and one to chart in Europe. He also enjoyed being co-director alongside his wife for the 50+ Ministry at Mills Chapel Baptist Church.

Joe is survived by his wife, Gina Ables of Newnan; his daughter Melinda Ables Bush (Michael) of Macon, GA; brothers, Kenneth Thompson (Bonnie) of Jackson, GA, David Ables (Denise) of The Villages, FL, Patrick Bishop of Jacksonville, GA; sisters, Mary Thompson of Pensacola, FL, Debbie Pittman of Aragon, GA; two grandchildren, Lauren LaTour (Keith) of Macon, GA, and James Perkins, serving in the US Army; and two great-grandchildren, Landon LaTour and London LaTour.

Along with his parents, Joe is preceded in death by his brothers, Lawrence Ables, Clyde Jr. Ables, and Morris Ables; and sisters, Evelyn Wilson, Catherine Lancaster, and Doris Ables.

The service for Joseph Ables will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Mills Chapel Baptist Church in Newnan, GA with Pastor Jeff Smith, and Pastor Danny Wilson officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until service time at the church. Interment will follow at Southview Cemetery in Moreland, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Joesph's name to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131 or online at <https://www.parkinson.org/>, or Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or online at <https://www.michaelfox.org/>.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mills Chapel Baptist Church
85 Country Club Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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85 Country Club Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sincerely, Brenda, Stanley, and Carolyn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph E. Ables.



Sincerely, Brenda, Stanley, and Carolyn - January 15, 2022 at 03:20 AM

SH

“ Gina, It was an honor to meet Joe. Your singing was so inspirational. May God continue to bless your family. Steve Houlder

Steve Houlder - January 14, 2022 at 10:01 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear of Joe,s passing.Joe was good friend,I knew him thru Law Enforcement.He was always kind,spoke well of others and had a great laugh.He is home with his Lord and savoir now,he is in no pain and now he sings in a Heavenly choir.Joe will be missed.
Roy Dunn

Roy Dunn - January 14, 2022 at 08:23 PM

DM

“ David Mathews purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph E. Ables.



David Mathews - January 14, 2022 at 03:47 PM

LW

“ Joe was one of the strongest Christian men I ever knew. He always had that sweet smile which reflected that he really cared about you or what you were saying. I worked with Gina at Delta and also painted ceramics at her home. Every now and then I would see Joe and he was so sweet. He had a wonderful voice and I still listen to him and Gina from time to time. I know that when God saw Joe, He said, "Well done my good and faithful servant". Lisa Webb

Lisa G Webb - January 14, 2022 at 02:26 PM

FM

“ From Thomas, Monique and Kaleb Mathews purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph E. Ables.



From Thomas, Monique and Kaleb Mathews - January 13, 2022 at 10:10 AM

SD

“ Sending my prayers and condolence to Joe's family. So sorry to hear about his passing. God bless you all. I got to meet him when I started working at the State Court. He was a very nice person. Surnonia Daniel State Court Clerk



Surnonia Daniel - January 13, 2022 at 09:44 AM

BB

“ Gina, I yesterday of Joe's passing. I send my condolences to you and family. I met Joe at your Church during a concert and the two of you were singing. If Mary and I could ever be of help to you please call on us. Bob Baptist

Bob Baptist - January 13, 2022 at 09:38 AM

TF

“ The Brooks and Scavone Families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joseph E. Ables.



The Brooks and Scavone Families - January 13, 2022 at 08:19 AM

CT

“ He was good friends with my husband, he was a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Carol Thomas - January 12, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Gina and famiy
Praying for y'all and God bless y'all.

Harold and Nell Callahan

Beth Callahan - January 12, 2022 at 08:36 PM



Catherine Fleming

“ *Sending love and prayers to Gina and the family. Joe was such a kind man, he always exhibited joy and a smile on his face during our church days together at Mills Chapel. He will be remembered and missed!*

Catherine Fleming - January 12, 2022 at 08:49 AM

CH

“ *Our family sends our deepest sympathy to everyone who loves Uncle Joe...you are all in our prayers. I'm sure he is singing with that beautiful voice in heaven.*



Carol Hepler - January 11, 2022 at 08:32 PM

BC

“ *Melinda Bush, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for you and your family* ❤️

Barbara Cliett - January 11, 2022 at 07:09 PM

JW

“ *Gina,*
I was so sorry to hear of Joe's illness and death. I have such fond memories of playing the beautiful music that you and Joe made on my gospel program years ago. I cherish the CD's that Joe so graciously gave me to share with the radio audience. I think he even left one in the mailbox at my house one time. Know that you're in my prayers.
Jim Williams

James Williams - January 11, 2022 at 04:48 PM

KB

“ *Sending prayers and love!*

kristy bass - January 10, 2022 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



Jamie Hixson - January 10, 2022 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ *Thinking of you and yours during this time of sorrow and loss. Blessings, Barbara Hemrick*

Barbara Hemrick - January 10, 2022 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ *Joe was a true gentleman... I always enjoyed working with him and I will miss him but I know I will see him again.*



Connie Stamper - January 10, 2022 at 09:51 AM

MG

“ *Your sweet smile and kind words will be missed Joe. Sending prayers for your family! Missy Gravitt*



Missy Gravitt - January 10, 2022 at 09:35 AM

EN

A good Christian man. Man of God

Eugene Neill - January 12, 2022 at 07:12 PM

MA

“ I will miss Joe, he was a great friend and stood by me when others turned their back, that is the mark of a true friend. You have served your Lord tirelessly, now you walk with him. I look forward to seeing you again, until then may God place his arms around your family. Rest in peace my good and fateful servant.



Michael Aldredge - January 10, 2022 at 08:40 AM

JH

“ Having had the pleasure of knowing Joe, during our times with the Sheriffs Office and secretary to Judge Lee, I came to know a fine Christian man. May the Lord give you and the family added strength during this time of loss. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Sincerely, Joan Smith Hanson


Joan Smith Hanson - January 10, 2022 at 07:18 AM

DG

“ I would like to express my condolences to the family especially David and Denise. Praying for God to grant you peace during this time.

Dawn Maddox, Stockbridge GA - January 09, 2022 at 10:13 PM

LM

“ Dear Gina and family,
It really broke my heart for you of the news of Joe’s passing. He was a cheerful Christian man. His dedication to his Faith and Family was evident in the way he lived his life and served the Community here. I loved hearing the two of you sing, and he’s  singing Glory to God in Heaven now.
My prayers will be for you as I know your faith is strong and you already know God has his arms around you. Much Love, La’Nette & Rachel

La’Nette Mathews - January 09, 2022 at 08:26 PM

GP

“ Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Ables



Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch - January 09, 2022 at 06:38 PM

SB

“ Gina, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Praying for comfort, healing, and peace during this difficult time.

We loved seeing Joe just light up singing with Gina and seeing their connection...just so sweet the bond they both had. He was always so welcoming and loving to the family. So thankful to have met Joe and Gina and to see them witnessing together. Such a special man and precious to all those around him. Fly high Joe and I know you're enjoying singing in the midst of God's glory!

Stephanie Bennett - January 09, 2022 at 05:21 PM

JC

“Gina and your family
We are praying for y'all. Joe was a great
singer and so was you. God bless you.



Joy Callahan - January 09, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CS

“Ray and I will miss you very much. All the laughs and hugs and
memories we had together with you and Gina on our TNT trips and
gatherings. We will cherish those memories in our hearts and
continue to love Gina. We know you are home now with your
Heavenly Father and singing those beautiful songs we got to enjoy
with you and Gina.

Cathy and Ray Swain - January 09, 2022 at 03:49 PM

CS

“Cathy And Ray Swain lit a candle in memory
of Joseph E. Ables



Cathy and Ray Swain - January 09, 2022 at 03:40 PM

TO

“My heart hurts for my sister Gina and all family and friends There
will be an empty chair around the table at our family gatherings.
Joes favorite spot after each meal at my house was the recliner and
it wasn't long before we would hear him snoring. We will miss Joe
but we are excited we get to spend eternity with him because he
was a follower of Jesus Love you sis

Tonya Ortkiese - January 09, 2022 at 02:40 PM

PW

“ *I will miss hearing you & Aunt Gina singing and praising God but I know you're singing your praises now to Jesus and walking those streets of Gold. You are missed* ❤️



Pamela Watson - January 09, 2022 at 02:00 PM