

Joseph John Child

July 11, 1945 - February 7, 2018

Dr. Joseph John Child, 72, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully in his home Wednesday morning, February 7, 2018, surrounded by his family. Services will be held Saturday, February 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church in downtown Newnan.

Joe was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on July 11, 1945, to Hilma Louise (Helm) and William Thomas (TC) Child. The youngest of four children, Joe moved to Newnan, Georgia, with his parents in 1959 and graduated from Newnan High School in 1963. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Auburn University in 1967, where he was member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and his Doctorate from Samford University in 2009. Joe began his professional career in the corporate sector with IBM, John Harlan, and J.P. Stevens. He eventually found his calling as a teacher/educator, and he returned to Newnan High School as a Special Education Teacher and Assistant Coach of the NHS Golf Team from 2006 to 2017.

Joe is preceded in death by Patricia Payne Child, his wife of sixteen years, and his brother William Thomas Child. Joe is survived and celebrated by his wife of twenty-nine years Martha Lee Child; his four children Kingman, Marlowe, Mandy, and Casey; his three step-children Lee, Park, and Mattie; and his fifteen grandchildren Whitney, Derrick, Charlie, Patti, Brooks, Betsy, Porter, Cameron, Grier, Forrest, McRae, Mary, Sister, Magnolia, and Jona. He

is also survived by his brother Robert Edward Child and his sister Margaret Child.

Joe will be remembered by all who knew him for his unflappable spirit and his joy for life. He was a world traveler, a constant learner, a loving husband, and an unforgettable father and grandfather. He had an inexhaustible wit and a mastery of colorful language. He was known as Dr. Child to his students, Dad and Big Joe to his children, Padre to his oldest friends, Geeters to the Phis, Jo Jo to his grandchildren, and The Man to his loving wife Sugar.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

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38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Service

FEB 10. 2:30 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall

RG

“ I was searching for Joe this am to try to re connect after many many years only to see he had passed away in 2018. I worked with him at a television company back in early 90s. In a very stressful work environment, Joe always had a calm about him which amazed me. A good man. I am sorry that he’s gone but I know he’s close to the hearts of his family.

Robert Galloway - October 19, 2023 at 11:02 AM

BB

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you all, may God comfort each of you.

Bob & Jenni Blackburn

Bob & Jenni Blackburn - February 10, 2018 at 06:14 PM

AH

“ Prayers for Martha and family. Joe lived a well loved life. There are many blessings to remember.

Ann Hudson

Ann Hudson - February 10, 2018 at 07:57 AM

JH

“ Joe always found something to laugh about. I know he will be greatly missed by all of his family. Know our prayers are for all of you at this time. JOAN and Maribeth Hanson

Joan Smith Hanson - February 09, 2018 at 09:31 PM

CW

“ *Sending much love to Martha and the children.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Cathy and Gerry Whitworth*

Cathy Whitworth - February 09, 2018 at 05:50 PM

Elaine
Luiz

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family for peace and strength in
the days and months ahead. Please know we are thinking of you in
this difficult time.*

Steve and Elaine Luiz

Elaine Luiz - February 09, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Joseph John Child.*



February 09, 2018 at 01:59 PM

DC

“ *Dennis and Joanne Collier purchased the Lovely
One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joseph
John Child.*



Dennis and Joanne Collier - February 09, 2018 at 11:11 AM

MB

“ *Mary Barber! purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Joseph John Child.*



Mary Barber! - February 08, 2018 at 09:57 PM

NW

“ *Martha Lee and family,
I am so sorry for your loss...Joe was well loved by the
community..cherish the memories..prayers for peace and comfort..
Nancy Williamson*

Nancy Williamson - February 08, 2018 at 09:23 PM

PW

“ *Martha and family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about Joe. Please know that our thoughts
& prayers are with you all during the days ahead.*

Peggy & George

Peggy Williams - February 08, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with
Martha Lee and the family during this difficult time.*

Christy and Ray Salgado

Christy Salgado - February 08, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph John Child.*



February 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *May God bless you in your time of sorrow.*

nkr~John 11:25 - February 08, 2018 at 12:23 PM



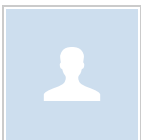
“ *Joe's life was well-lived with optimism, adventure and so much love! Martha Lee, I believe in you, love you, and surround you and your family in prayer.*
Leigh Callahan Murray

Leigh Murray - February 08, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our prayers are with all the family during this difficult time of loss Frank and Melody Farmer*

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - February 08, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph John Child.*



February 08, 2018 at 10:59 AM

LP

“ Steve and I are holding you all in our hearts and prayers. We had such high hopes that we would get to see Joe one more time here in Bishop. We both admired Joe so much. You all have been so fortunate to share this wonderful man. Know that he is spreading joy to others now, too. Much love to my favorite "family". Marit

Lynn Marit Peterson - February 08, 2018 at 10:29 AM

LS

“ Damon and I are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you and family in our prayers. There are not any words I can express that will be a comfort right now but know that we will be vigilant in our prayers for you. I will remember Joe as a man of strength and character that was always there for his family and friends.

lisa lamb skelton - February 08, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph John Child.



February 08, 2018 at 10:16 AM

LH

“ Martha Lee, James and I are praying for strength and comfort for all of you. You have so many wonderful memories. I will always remember how evident it was that Joe loved his Sugar so very much. Love, hugs and prayers.

James & Lynette Harper

Lynette Harper - February 08, 2018 at 10:13 AM

AA

“ Martha Lee, Mine and Ginger's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are all out of town this weekend, but will be thinking of and praying for all of you as you navigate this difficult time. Our prayers will be that the sweet memories overtake the pain of your loss sooner than later. So sorry for your loss.

Alan and Ginger A.

Alan Armstrong - February 08, 2018 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ So very sorry for this loss. Newnan High has truly lost a legend. Dr. Child was such a loving soul and he genuinely cared about who he was talking to at the moment and always followed up conversations with concern. Most of us know the man could tell a good story. He just had this way about him. I worked with him and he also coached my son in Golf. He always encouraged him and Aaron respected him so much. I will be praying for the family in the coming days. I know this is hard on all of you. Be comforted in the legacy that he left.

Your friend, Selena

Selena Sweatman - February 08, 2018 at 08:23 AM

JR

“ Deepest sympathy to you at this sad time. Cherish the wonderful memories and rely on your faith, family and friends. Judy Scarbrough Rivers

Judy Rivers - February 08, 2018 at 08:19 AM

BW

“ Dear Martha and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you at this difficult time. May sweet memories comfort you.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - February 08, 2018 at 07:54 AM

SS

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Selena Sweatman - February 08, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph John Child.



February 08, 2018 at 07:30 AM

JE

“ Martha and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Thoughts are with you during this sad time.

Jennifer Welch Egas - February 08, 2018 at 01:12 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a fine man. Joe and his spirited personality will be so missed. We will be praying for his entire family.

Steve and Chris Hendrix - February 07, 2018 at 11:31 PM

DJ

“ Lane and I are so sorry to hear of Joes passing. He was a great man and always happy and funny. He use to keep me grounded when we worked together at NHS. He will be greatly missed. Keep his memories in your heart and his legacy moving forward. Lane and Delia Jackson

Delia Jackson - February 07, 2018 at 04:54 PM

BW

“ Martha and children and grandchildren, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Joe. He was such a good person and always made you laugh. Joe and the entire family have been in our prayers along with prayers from our Class of 1966 from Newnan High School. Anytime news of Joe came, it was sent on our class grapevine. We love you and the family. You have shown your love for each other in your life and deeds. God Bless You all.
Beth and Jimmy Walker

Beth and Jimmy Walker - February 07, 2018 at 03:20 PM