



## Joseph Clay Sherwood

June 27, 1993 - May 7, 2017

Joseph Clay Sherwood, son of Cindy and Mitchell (Melinda), died on Sunday, May 7, 2017. He will be remembered by family and friends as a sweet and compassionate boy who never knew a stranger.

Joe graduated from East Coweta High School in 2011, where he wrestled and played football and lacrosse. As a sophomore, he won the deciding match to bring a Regional Title to the ECHS Wrestling Program. He was always up for an adventure, whether it was waking before dawn to go hunting or bringing buddies down to Lake Harding for a day of boating. Joe won the Noble Knight Award from Ellis G. Arnall Middle School, which recognized a student who had wholeheartedly assisted another in a noble and selfless way. This award speaks to his entire character. Joe only saw the good in the people he met and could always be counted on, in good times and bad. He never excluded anyone, but rather welcomed people into his life with open arms and loved with his whole heart and soul. Most of all, Joe will be remembered for his gregarious personality and his laugh, boy did he have a laugh. Loud and full of life. He was loved by many and adored by all.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Virginia "Hun" Sherwood of Bristol, Virginia, and survived by his mother Cindy (Joe Aycock), his father Mitchell (Melinda), brothers Jack (Callie Ingram) and Sam Sherwood, stepsisters Janet Marie and Amanda Gunnels, grandparents David Sherwood

and Bryan and Brenda Hulsey, uncles Charts and David (Lisa) Sherwood, Bryan "Trey" (Katrina) and Brent (Susie) Hulsey, and cousins Landon, Evan, Mac and Virginia "Jenna" Sherwood, and Justin, Caitlyn, Anna and Ciara Hulsey.

The family will receive visitors Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 12 PM until 2PM at the Newnan First United Methodist Church Parish Hall, 33 Greenville Street, in Newnan with service to follow in the sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, the Sherwood family asks that you make a contribution to the Georgia Council on Substance abuse in memory of Joseph Clay Sherwood. [Http://gasubstanceabuse.org](http://gasubstanceabuse.org)

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Parish Hall  
33 Greenville Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Service

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Mitch and family,*

*Thinking of you all today and remembering Joe for the amazing person he was. Wish that I could be there with you all today. I hope that you all are leaning on each other for strength and remembering all the fond memories Joe provided all of us. His big heart and infectious spirit is how I will remember Joe. I will always think about all our camping adventures growing up. Joe never failed on being the biggest source of entertainment on our trips! Praying that you will be provided comfort in this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Evan*

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**Evan Sherwood** - May 13, 2017 at 12:05 PM

TR

“As someone who has also lost a loved one that was so young, I want to say to all of you to remember the Sherwood, Hulsey and Aycock families after the service. Most of us say we will, but life gets busy and we just feel we do not ever seem to have enough time. You do have time.

Send a text, email, or call to say when you have thought of Joe, share a memory and make it come to life. There is nothing sweeter to a family than to hear the name of their loved one that has passed. Grief is with them now forever. It does not go away, it only changes, but there are still days when this family will feel like they have been kicked in the stomach and all the life has been sucked out of them, knowing all that they are missing with the lost future of their loved one. There will never again be a perfect celebration. Mothers day, fathers day, holidays, Joe will always be missing. Joe not being there and knowing he will never be with them again on earth will be an emptiness that cannot be filled.

I need to give thanks to Shannon Baird. She is the one that taught me about being there after the service. Many people were around to help me in my grief and I thank you for that, but Shannon would send me a text message every other day to let me know she was there. There are no words that can express what that meant. So please take that wonderful gesture from Shannon and do that for Joe Sherwood's family. The other people I need to say that were always there, were the friends of Tyler Rudd, and so many of them are Joe Sherwood's friends. Please be there for Joe's family the way you are still there for the Rudd family. We know you are hurting as much as the families are, you have all lost so many friends at a young age. But your presence helps to heal the pain for our family and will for Joe's family and will also help you through this difficult time.

There is truly nothing that you can do for a bereaved person except to be there for them and remember their loved one and help to carry on their loved one's name forever. And that is everything to them.

*Love to the Sherwood, Hulsey and Aycock families*

*Pat, Mark, Jenna, Brian and Tyler Rudd (I truly believe that Tyler is here with us all helping us through this pain and Joe is right by his side.)*

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**The Rudds** - May 13, 2017 at 09:56 AM

SH

“ *Mitch and Family,  
We are so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We pray that God will wrap you in His loving arms and that you all find comfort from each other.  
Our love to you all,  
Susan, Burt and Dick Gordon*

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**Susan Gordon Henry** - May 12, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *I cannot imagine the pain you must feel in your heart. Joe was at such a young age, it doesn't seem fair to be taken away from his family and friends even though we must believe that God decided it best. I've looked at many pictures that have been shared, and he always seemed to be happy and smiling with showing love. Try to remember the wonderful memories you've cherished and never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and family. Barb*

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**Barbara Durmire Banks** - May 12, 2017 at 06:24 PM

LD

“ Dear Mitch,

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Words seem empty, but you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope you can gain some strength knowing you are being sent comforting thoughts by so many.*

*Praying for peace for you,*

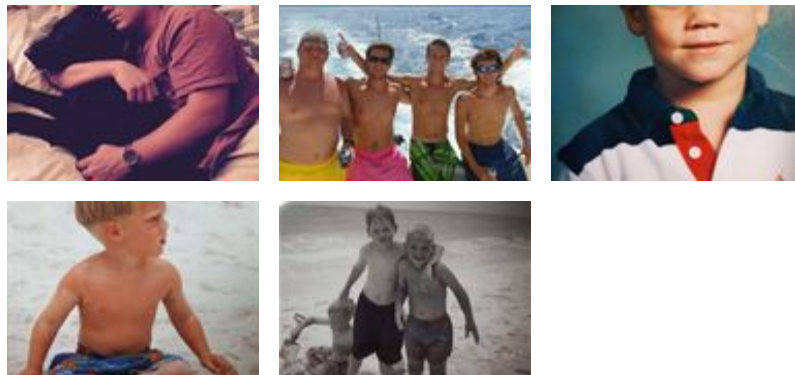
*Luanne Malcolm Dyer*

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**Luanne Dyer** - May 12, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 12, 2017 at 02:39 PM

FF

“ From Ruthie and family purchased the *Rainbow Reflections Basket* for the family of Joseph Clay Sherwood.



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**From Ruthie and family** - May 12, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Clay Sherwood.*



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May 12, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Our heart and our prayers go out to you during this time. There can be no greater loss than a child. May God bless you all.*

*Mike & Phyllis Benton*

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**Mike Benton** - May 12, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Prayers for each of you during this heartbreaking loss, and prayers beyond the years to follow. May God wrap his arms around you, for he has his arms around your Joe. God Bless you all.*

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**Mark & Sandy Taylor** - May 12, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *Mitch, We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Joe. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. Cotton and Jamie Davis*

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**Jamie Davis** - May 11, 2017 at 07:41 PM

SW

“ I used to sub teach often at Arnall and East Coweta. Joe was such a gentleman such as offering to carry my tote bag. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing and I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. God bless.

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**Susan Weegar** - May 11, 2017 at 04:28 PM

LG

“ Mitch, I am so very sad to hear of the loss of your dear son. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Lucy Grovenstein*

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**Lucy Grovenstein** - May 11, 2017 at 03:44 PM

BY

“ Dear Joe and family, Aunt Lena asked me send you her love. She is not an Internet person but wanted you to know she is praying for you all during this difficult time.

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**Brenda Young** - May 11, 2017 at 03:13 PM

BY

“ Dear Joe and Cindy and family, We know that words can't truly express the the thoughts and prayers we are sending your way. Please know that you are loved and prayed for during this time of great sadness. May the wonderful memories to times together sustain you and may God's presence and comfort be felt in all the days to come.

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**Brenda Young** - May 11, 2017 at 03:07 PM

LD

“ Dear Mitch,  
Jim and I were so sorry to hear about Joe. What a nice looking young man he was! Please know we are thinking of you and your family and keeping you all in our prayers at this difficult and sad time. Joe will live on in all who knew and loved him.  
With sympathy,  
Lynn Hurt Davis and Jim Davis

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**Lynn Davis** - May 11, 2017 at 11:56 AM

MJ

“ Dear Mitch, Melinda, Cindy and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Joe's death. God only knows how and when we will leave this world, most of the time we are never ready. May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during this very difficult time.  
God loves you and we do too,  
Mildred and Don Jones

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**Mildred and Don Jones** - May 11, 2017 at 10:48 AM

SJ

“ My sincerest condolences to you and your family, Mitch.  
Steve Jackson - Nashville, TN

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**Steve Jackson** - May 11, 2017 at 09:54 AM

TO

“ Praying for you and your family. Our deepest regrets. God Bless You Cindy. Sincerely Trace and Virginia Overton

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**Trace Lee Overton** - May 11, 2017 at 09:30 AM

DB

“ I will always remember Joe as a happy young man and willing to be helpful to those around him. He loved a good laugh, especially when I would tear up over the latest literature story read in the classroom in 7th grade. I know he is at peace! My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents and family.

Donna Bellusle - May 10, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Clay Sherwood.



May 10, 2017 at 10:30 PM

RM

“ Robin Barron Mann lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clay Sherwood



Robin Barron Mann - May 10, 2017 at 08:22 PM

FR

“ Our hearts go out to the Sherwood, Hulsey, and Aycock families. He came into our family when my brother married his mother when he was three. We loved being around him because he had such a great personality, even at a young age. He could make conversation with people of all ages and entertain them. Perfect manners. He was so sweet to my Mother, always volunteering to move her furniture in his truck when she moved from one senior living residence to another. He loved to come to our house because he loved my and our daughter's cooking. Our daughter adored him. We loved when he visited because he always made us smile. We'll miss you, nephew. Love,  
Dennis and Fay (Aycock) Riddle

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**Fay Aycock Riddle** - May 10, 2017 at 07:00 PM

JE

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Joe's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.

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**Jennifer Welch Egas** - May 10, 2017 at 06:53 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss Mrs. Sherwood. I know just from class how much you love your boys and how great of a mother you are to them. You and your family are in my family's thoughts and prayers.  
Jenna Rainwater

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**Jenna Rainwater** - May 10, 2017 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ Joe always had a smile, a firm handshake, and deep love for all he met. I was honored to know him and his family from his early days on the soccer fields with his brother and saw him grow into a great and fine young man. I saw him go from a boy into a fine young man. He will be missed and always loved. My love and prayers go out to Big Joe, Jack, Sam, Cindy and the family. We love you all and are here for you always! Please let us know if we can help.  
The Price Family

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**Don Price** - May 10, 2017 at 03:53 PM

PS

“ Our prayers and sympathy to the entire family. Peter & Jean Skrmetti

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**Peter Skrmetti** - May 10, 2017 at 03:39 PM

ES

“ Cindy, I am so sorry. I do not have the words to express my deep sympathy. Joe was such a sweet young man. I am so glad I was able to meet him. Emily Sharp

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**Emily Sharp** - May 10, 2017 at 03:04 PM

MG

“ Mitch and I are so very sorry for your loss of Joe. Please know that you and all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,

Mary Jane & Mitch Ginn

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**Mary Jane Ginn** - May 10, 2017 at 02:36 PM