



## Kenneth Michael Burke

September 18, 1952 - September 10, 2015

1952 was a very special year in that Hemingway published his famous book *The Old Man and the Sea* and a baby was born on September 18, 1952 who would come to love the ocean and spend many happy days cruising on it. Kenneth Michael Burke, known to all as Mike, was born to the late Thomas Jefferson and Dura Pearl Langley Burke. In addition to his parents, Mike was predeceased by his siblings Susan Jones, Dianne Fuss and Billy Burke. Mike developed a life-long love of music early on in his life. It was a great avocation for him and he loved being the center of attention when he would sing and play guitar in venues in Newnan. He had a special love for southern gospel music. He was a very detail-oriented person by nature and enjoyed his profession as a CAD engineer. Surviving Mike is his sister Lenda Savenelli and her husband Danny. He shared a special bond with his brother Billy who passed away recently. He cherished his family ties to Billy's wife Flo and his nephews Christopher and Dustin Burke. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Saturday, September 12th between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Joe Hunnicut and Pastor Trace Lasher officiating. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Jean Melton** - January 03, 2016 at 04:30 PM

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**Jean Melton** - January 03, 2016 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ *Oh yes ... I knew Mike well. We were sweethearts way back when. All the way back to Brown High School. After that ... me, Mike and Butch Williams would play guitars together. We sometimes would go to Mike's boss's house at the Embarcadero Apartments and sit on the floor and play our guitars. Mike was a song writer too. He was a wonderful person and a good son to his mother whom I loved very much. I remember riding with Mike to pick her up after work at Rich's downtown in the Notions Dept. She used to love to make them all Hungry Jack Biscuits and she was good to me too. I'm very sad to hear that Susan, Diane and Billy are all now gone. God bless you Linda. I only met you once but Mike loved you very much and often talked about his beautiful sister who lived in Conneticut. If Butch is still alive ... I miss and still care for you dear friend.*

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**Jean Melton** - January 03, 2016 at 03:58 PM

RH

“ So very sad to hear of Mike's passing. Hearing his music along with Julie's voice was always uplifting. Mike will be truly missed by all. He was a true gentleman. Always smiling. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

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**Robin Hart** - September 16, 2015 at 05:25 PM

NP

“ I had the priviledge meeting Mike through work a couple years ago. He was always kind and had an encouraging word whenever I spoke to him. The world needs more kind, compassionate people like him. Praying God will comfort his family and friends during this time of loss.

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**Nancy Plowman** - September 15, 2015 at 04:19 PM

TC

“ Dear Family and Friends, Mike was always so great to be around. He always had a smile on his face and a song in his heart. I especially loved the joke contests we had at Gardner Denver during the Thanksgiving Dinner, which he usually won. Mike will be missed. Love, Terry Cearbaugh

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**Terry Cearbaugh** - September 14, 2015 at 08:55 AM

GG

“ we will miss you very much. you were a great friend and neighbor.

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**grady gossett** - September 13, 2015 at 08:27 AM

JD

“ Mike was. a wonderful man. I was terribly saddened when I heard of his passing. I'm very sorry for your loss. May God be with you in your time of grief. John

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**John Dance** - September 12, 2015 at 10:52 PM

CW

“ It has been a pleasure knowing you, it won't be the same without you! Your humor and music shall be missed... Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Chris Wernau** - September 12, 2015 at 11:44 AM

GH

“ Mike will be greatly missed. A great person who always had a smile. Never a dull moment with Mike! Thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Greg Hannah** - September 12, 2015 at 08:23 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike and his family lived across the street from us in Atlanta and we went to the same grammar and high school. He and my brother Ivey were good friends and he was always at my house. We all thought the world of all the Burkes. Please know that I have you in my thoughts and prayers and pray our Lord Jesus will comfort all his family and friends at this very sad time.

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**Brenda Godbee Raptis** - September 11, 2015 at 08:54 PM

CS

“ We are so crushed to hear that Mike has passed. We have enjoyed our friendship and he has a special place in our hearts. We will miss him dearly. Our prayers go to Mike's family for their loss and to Julie as I know you and Mike made an awesome musical duo.

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**Christy and Raymond Salgado** - September 11, 2015 at 06:41 PM

RH

“ Mike, You are already missed. God is taking his own. Thank you for the all of the laughs and great memories. We will see you soon. Mike will be missed buy all! You could not help but love his great since of humor and his warming, inviting smile! Robby and Teresa

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**Robby & Teresa Harkins** - September 11, 2015 at 05:41 PM