



Larcus Harold "Lark" Hemrick

August 18, 1950 - August 26, 2018

Lark Hemrick was a great fan of his hometown team, The Atlanta Braves. In baseball lingo, when something just does not go according to the plan, it is referred to as a being thrown a curve ball. Well, Lark was pitched a pretty disastrous curve ball when he was only 17 years old. That was the day that a fun-filled trip to go swimming landed him in the hospital with a diagnosis that would render him a quadriplegic for the rest of his life. As anybody who knew Lark well would understand, he stepped into that curve ball and tore the cover off it as he hit it out of the park. He was blessed by friends and family who rallied around him as he dealt with what, for many, would be a disastrous event. In the 51 years since that summer day, Lark put his steely determination to good use and met life full face forward. His abiding faith in a God who would neither leave him nor forsake him assured him that if he gave life his all, God would do the same. Consequently, Lark never complained about his circumstances, and his attitude towards life would never let him "give up or give in" – from day one until the very end. Consequently, he was a great inspiration to so many people during his lifetime. He was born in Newnan, on August 18, 1950, a son of the late Harold Eugene and Ruth Elizabeth Barnes Hemrick. Lark's father died rather early in life, so Lark became the man of the house and rode herd on all his nieces and nephews who saw him more as a cousin than as a stuffy uncle. It was a role he cherished. Surviving Lark are his siblings, Colon Hemrick and his wife Barbara, Betty Davis and her husband Danny, Nan Rogers and her husband

Marty. His nieces and nephews include, Craig Hemrick, Matthew and Kelly Myers, Chad and Carla Davis, David Rogers, Erin and Tim Cooper. Their children include Mackenzie and Karis Myers, Caleb and Lawson Myers, Ella and Addison Davis, Tripp Cooper. Lark's quality of life was, in a large part, possible because of the excellent medical care he received over the years. Dr. Vijay Patel, Dr. Bo Mann and Dr. Donald Leslie were diligent in all they did to make his life as problem free as possible. There can never be enough said about the role of caregivers in the life of someone who faces great challenges and desires to live independently. Helen Spain, Martha Smith, Marie Payton, Georgeana Page, Ernie Bowles, Gene Tully, Nancy Smith and Donna Hayes were tireless in their efforts on Lark's behalf and he was always quick to point that out. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Thursday evening, August 30th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The life of this good man will be honored in a service to be held in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home on Friday, August 31st at 2:00 PM led by Pastor Matthew Myers and Pastor Dan Odom. Interment will be in the historic Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that Lark's life be remembered by a memorial contribution to The Shepherd Center in Atlanta which was instrumental in initiating a course of treatment for him soon after his accident. His being a man of great faith, one might also consider a gift to Welcome Road Baptist Church or Macedonia Baptist Church. If Lark could leave any message at all for those who knew him or simply needed to be encouraged, it might be John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ met Lark in 2006 while looking for house to buy. My husband and I were lost in the area when we saw a for sale sign in a yard. We stopped and inquired but was told it was not the house but a car parked in the yard. We explained that we had a son who was wheelchair bound and was looking for a home that would accommodate our son. Lark was kind enough to show us around his home and mentioned one just like his for sale. That's how we became friends and neighbor. Lark was a dear friend and will truly be missed. My sympathy goes out to his family.

Barbara Bohanon - September 01, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes

I have fought the good fight,
finished the race,
kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. What an inspiration Lark was in his lifetime! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, hugs, and God bless!

Delilah Meadows - August 29, 2018 at 08:40 AM

BW

“ Bobby and I both send our condolences on Lark's passing. We both taught him in his very early teen years at the Junior High and Newnan High School. Our thoughts are with you at this time. He was truly an inspiration to maintain his attitude in the face of adversity.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - August 29, 2018 at 08:06 AM

GK

“ I only met Lark once when I happened to stop at his house to inquire about his new roof, as we needed one also after a bad storm. He was so kind, gentle and welcomed me as if he had always known me. Our visit that day was memorable, and i was so blessed. My sincere sympathy to the entire family. He has no need for that old body anymore, praise God!

Gayle & Chuck Kreckman - August 28, 2018 at 03:36 PM

GP

“ It was my privilege to know Lark at the time of this accident. I knew his family and remember the struggles he had at that time and beyond. He and my son often played together. He was a very kind person I pray that God will give the family peace and comfort at this most difficult time. Love to all

*God bless you all
Gerrie and Ray Petty*

gerrie petty - August 28, 2018 at 01:56 PM

SW

“ Dear Betty, Colon, and family: I am very sorry to learn of the passing of your brother. Please know my son and I are keeping all of you in our hearts and prayers as you go through this sad time and beyond. God bless.

Susan Weegar - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 PM

FF

“ Prayers to all the family. I was 11 years old at the time of the accident and I remember hearing about it. I never knew Lark but I seem to remember that he was a very good athlete. The obituary was wonderful. He must have been a true inspiration to all his family.

FRANK FARMER - August 28, 2018 at 08:57 AM