



## Martin Frederick Rudy

August 4, 1939 - September 22, 2024

Mr. Martin Rudy, 85, of Moreland, GA, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2024, at his home surrounded by family. He was born August 4, 1939, in Plainfield, NJ, to the late Martin (Mac) Rudy and Eleanore Stelluto.

Martin grew up in Bedminster, NJ, and graduated from Bernardsville High School in Bernardsville. While there, he formed a group called the Velvet Tones and played for school dances and sports events.

After High School, he joined the Army in 1958 and served 3 years in Panama, playing for various social events and military ceremonies. Discharged from the service, Martin studied in the performing arts program at NYU, took private lessons on jazz trumpet, and taught preschoolers in the Head Start Program in Morristown, NJ. He continued his teaching career for 25 years in the Morris County School District, teaching orchestra and band in High School while playing in various local clubs and private parties.

After retiring and moving to Newnan, GA, with his wife Shelley, he taught music part-time at Heritage School, tutored private students, and played for services at the Methodist, Central Baptist, and Presbyterian churches. He also headed a modern jazz group called The Jazz League, which played for a number of years at George Rasovsky's Ten East Washington Street in Newnan and at the City Café in Fayetteville.

After moving to Miss Vicky's house in Moreland, Martin continued to play for weddings, church services, and private celebrations.

He also spent many happy hours developing his elaborate N-Gauge train layout and working on his beloved BMWs, Jaguars, Mercedes, and Alfa Romeo's. A devoted animal lover, he spent much of his time with a succession of Shih Tzus and a quasi-feral cat named Cleo, who popped up in a holly bush one day.

The visitation will be held Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be made to The Newnan- Coweta Humane Society ([www.nchrescue.org](http://www.nchrescue.org))

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

Martin is survived by his wife, Shelley Laurin, and sister MaryAnn Albanese.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

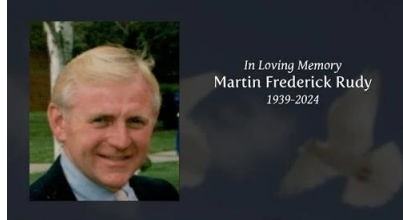
SEP **28.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin Frederick Rudy*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 28, 2024 at 08:44 AM

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“It's only rarely that God introduces you to a friend that you can count on, understand implicitly, and enjoy their company all at the same time. This is how I feel about Martin, and I am so grateful for having known him. He blessed us with his life of music and hobby and stories of a more idealistic time in our countries history. I'm honored to have been a part of his circle of those to whom he showed true compassion. He thoroughly enjoyed helping people solve problems, and entertaining them with his abilities. He loved being outdoors keeping his yard and flowers and also working in his shop on cars and his train set. He loved anything that moved, land, sea or air. We shared many small mechanical jobs and some larger restoration project cars over our 27 years of friendship. I admired his painting and touch up skills. His talent with circuitry and landscaping were on full display with his train set. He was always obliging when I would bring a stranger over to look at it. He loved any and all wood musical instruments and could both build and play them. Our family enjoyed attending a few jazz concerts at the Wadsworth and Nixon performing arts center and he tutored our daughter on her Bass clarinet out of the kindness of his heart. Although he would've liked to more often, we were able to do some boating, fishing, target shooting, rc airplane flying, and metal dectecing a few times together. He was always happy to refer auto jobs to me and I would to him as we knew each other's capabilities well. As far as helping each other directly I, we usually called it a favor. We are given talents by God and blessed by Him to be a blessing to others and indeed that was Martin. I'm going to miss encountering the trumpet playing within the walls of his home or seeing his big smile as he so often came out to greet me with. All blessing, honor and glory to our LORD. The life giver for such a friend.

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**G. Westover** - September 28, 2024 at 07:47 PM

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“ *we will truly miss that incredible smile and kindness not enough room to say all the walkers hope to be there david and regina walkers..*

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**regina walker walker** - September 26, 2024 at 10:24 AM