



## Michael Eugene Cope

October 6, 1951 - January 21, 2021

Michael Eugene Cope, age 69, passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Upson Regional Medical Center in Thomaston. He was born October 6, 1951 in Franklin, NC to the late Eugene Adams Cope and Ruth Roper Cope.

Along with his parents, Mike is preceded in death by his grandson, Noah Hudson who he had a remarkably close relationship. Mike is survived by his wife, Karen Brownell Cope; sons, Zachary Michael Cope and his soon to be wife Suzanne Hudson, Adam Keith Cope; grandchildren, Aiden Keith Cope, Landon Michael Cope and Saydi Grace Smallwood. He is also survived by siblings, Jim Cope and his wife Wendy, Linda Mullinix and her husband Charles, numerous nieces and one nephew.

Mike served his country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He enjoyed coaching his two sons little league teams as well as coaching the other kids along the way.

The memorial service celebrating the life Mike lived is Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Due to concerns over the Covid-19 Pandemic, the service will be webcast and can be viewed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JAN 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Eugene Cope*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 29, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Michael Eugene Cope*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM

KR

*Thank you for sharing this service. It was wonderful to be a part of it.*

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**Karen Rohrer** - January 27, 2021 at 06:46 PM

SS

“ Mike and i worked together in Newnan back in the 90s . Great man and friend . Bellsouth days were good back then and more like extended family . Mike will be missed . Bless his family .

Steve Stanley

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Steve Stanley - January 28, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TH

“ As a teenager and young man I spent a lot of time at the Cope household visiting my friend Jim. I have many fine memories of Mike. As a friend of the family, I waited anxiously for him to return from his service in Korea. After he returned home I remember him getting a job with the phone company which in those days was a dream job for those of us who lived on the southside. I can vividly remember two events of those years--going to see Carlos Santana at the old Omni with Mike, Jim, and cousin Stanley. The other was a Georgia-Georgia Tech basketball game also with a full house at the Omni. When Jim had his daughters the whole Cope family would show up along with Aunt Connie and Barry for the twice annual birthday parties. I tried not to miss many of these. I could always count on hearing some great stories and spot on humor from Mike. He will be missed by us all.

Tony Harris

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Tony Harris - January 27, 2021 at 06:48 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss of Mr. Mike. He will be missed. Prayers for the entire family. Take care of yourself Mrs. Karen. Our loss is Heavens gain. You will be with him again someday.

Bless you all,  
Rhonda (cna) Watercrest

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Rhonda Chapman - January 27, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ When people ask me about my childhood, the conversation always comes around to my big brother Mike. I often joke that I was raised by my mother and father and Mike. Most big brothers don't want little brothers around, but Mike was different. He dragged me along on most of his adventures, and through him, I learned a lot of important lessons that have helped shape my life.

*From Mike, I learned patience. Little brothers are obnoxious by definition, and I certainly was. While there were the occasional instances of big brother justice (usually, a well-placed punch to the upper arm), Mike usually just ignored my whining or let me have my way and kept dragging me along. The love and patience he showed me was just a part of his nature that he shared with many of us, and I know I won't be the only one that will miss it.*

*Mike had integrity and a keen sense of right and wrong, and he taught me the big, important lessons that all kids should learn. While it was okay for us to occasionally trick our little sister Linda out of her fair share of Coke (little kids don't need that much sugar), it wasn't okay to be mean to others or be a bully, the worst thing a kid could be (and maybe an adult too).*

*I took over Mike's yard mowing business when at he got his first "real" job. I quickly learned that if I was going to keep his customers, I had to provide the same high quality work that he had provided. Mike believed that you do what you say you will and that you need to earn your paycheck. That he knew it at such a young age explains the man he became.*

*Our mother's family are known for their sharp wit and funny observations, and Mike inherited a full share of that wit. Much of our time together as kids and in the last year was spent laughing at his observations about life. As dementia took more and more of Mike away from us, his sense of humor stayed with him until the end. In his last few days when he was largely unresponsive, he still would say something funny that was obviously a piece of himself that*

*remained until the very end. Being true to your good nature while battling a horrible illness is not easy, but Mike managed it. Another lesson to remember.*

*These are just a few of the many things I learned from my big brother. Throughout our childhood he dragged me along on adventures, protected me from bullies, and taught me the importance of patience, kindness, integrity, and a sense of humor. In his last years, he showed me how to face a horrible ending with humor and kindness. He was a good man and my big brother, and I'll miss him.*

*Jim Cope*

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**Jim Cope** - January 27, 2021 at 12:48 PM

KA

*You've painted a beautiful and accurate picture of Mike. I've tried to come up with words to say how I feel, but you've said it better than I ever could.*

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**Karen** - January 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM

KA

*I realized after I commented that I should have included my last name or said Cousin Mike. Thank you for the lovely eulogy. Cousin Karen.*

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**Karen** - January 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM

FM

*An absolutely beautiful tribute.*

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**Francis Moore** - January 27, 2021 at 04:58 PM

  
Phyllis  
Gardner

*Jimmy, what a wonderful tribute to your big brother! I'm so sorry for your loss and you are at the top of my prayer list right along with Linda. Hold tight to those wonderful memories.*

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**Phyllis Gardner Aycock** - January 27, 2021 at 06:45 PM

TC

“ Mike was my best friend since childhood. I will love him and cherish his memory as long as I live. My prayers go out to everyone that will miss him as much as I do. Terry Choate

terry choate - January 27, 2021 at 12:17 PM

CB

“ Connie and Barry purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.



Connie and Barry - January 27, 2021 at 11:04 AM

KF

“ Linda, my deepest condolences for you and your family. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace and comfort during this time.



KRISTY FLOWERS - January 27, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JC

“ Karen and family,  
Sending our deepest condolences. Mike will forever be remembered by us and the dojo. I can still picture y'all on the sidelines cheering your boys and the rest of the class on.  
Angela and James Cambas



James and Angela Cambas - January 26, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



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January 26, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Karen, you may not remember me but I am a friend of Jim and Wendy's. Jim and I were at Longwood University together on the faculty. We celebrated one of his girl's birthdays (I believe Tess) together. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Frank Moore*

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**Frank Moore** - January 26, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Aunt Bobbie, Robin & Keith, Karen & Jim purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



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**Aunt Bobbie, Robin & Keith, Karen & Jim** - January 26, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Helen Heard** - January 26, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



January 25, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



January 25, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. I worked with Mike in Newnan Engineering. He was a good guy and I loved his sense of humor.*  
*Debbie Chambers*

**debbie chambers** - January 25, 2021 at 10:51 AM



*I did enjoy Mr. Cope, he was a very sweet man and always brought a smile to my face. He will greatly be missed by all! Much love to you Mrs. Cope and family*

**Monica Wargofcak** - January 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM



*I worked with Mike for a number of years and enjoyed working with and around him. He always had a great sense of humor and was a good team worker. Prayers for the family.*

**Gary Ryle** - January 25, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



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January 25, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



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January 25, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Our Love Don & Karla purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Eugene Cope.*



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**Our Love Don & Karla** - January 25, 2021 at 09:59 AM