



## Ralph Hodges Gordon

May 27, 1932 - June 23, 2021

Mr. Ralph Hodges Gordon, 89 of Kingwood, TX passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. He was born May 27, 1932, in Coweta County, GA, the son of the late John B. Gordon and Leta Mae (Gullatt) Gordon.

Ralph grew up in Welcome and graduated from Western High School in 1949. After high school, he attended Berry College which he graduated from in 1953. On December 27, 1953, he married Lucille Young of Moreland, GA in a ceremony held in Camilla, GA and was happily married for 67 years. Ralph joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he honorably served until 1955. After his service in the Army, Ralph began his professional career and worked for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia before retiring in 1992. Ralph pursued many passions during his life and loved to meet new people and help others. Among his interests and activities, he served as a sports official for 50 years as a member of the Amateur Softball Association and the Metro Basketball Officials Association. He was a longtime member of Gordon Street Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, a charter member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Marietta, and most recently was an affiliate member of First Presbyterian Church in Kingwood, TX. He was a proud and involved alumni of Berry College where he formed and maintained many life-long friendships. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, camping, traveling and sports, being partial to the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta Braves. He was also a Red Cross lifetime blood donor and helped in many annual United Way

campaigns. In his retirement years, he and his wife Lucille loved spending time with friends and family at their weekend home in Choestoe Village in Blairsville, GA. He also loved spending time with his three grandsons and taking them to various sporting events.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Ellen Gordon Patrick. Survivors include wife, Lucille Young Gordon; daughter & son-in-law, Linda and Lonnie Helms of Humble, TX; son and son-in-law, Paul Gordon and Glenn Schwarz of Glenside, PA; three grandchildren, Nathan Helms and his wife Christina of Edmond, OK, Timothy Helms and his wife Jessica of Bixby, OK and Corey Helms of Moore, OK; great grandson Ian Helms of Bixby, OK; brothers Charles Gordon of Welcome and Herman Gordon and his wife Dot of Newnan, GA; and many cousins, nephews, nieces and both life-long and more recent friends.

The funeral service is Friday, July 2, 2021, at 3 o'clock in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with nephew Rev. Randy Gordon officiating. The visitation is Friday afternoon at McKoon Funeral Home beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3125 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta, GA 30062 or to First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood, 5520 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Hodges Gordon*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 03, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Ralph Hodges Gordon*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 02, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *My husband Harold and I have many fond memories of Ralph. We played cards and Harold loved to talk sports and officiating with him. My favorite time with him was when Linda and I took them on the road trip back to Georgia. We consider the Helms our family. He will be sorely missed.*

*Much love, Harold and Karen Andreas*

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**Karen Andreas** - July 02, 2021 at 12:59 AM

KH

“ *Ralph Hodges Gordon was my uncle. He loved life and lived life to the fullest. He was so generous and always willing to lend a helping hand. He had a wonderful sense of humor. One of my fondest memories was visiting he and Aunt Lucille at their cabin near Blairsville, GA. We had such a lovely visit. He had a way of making everyone in his presence feel welcome. Aunt Lucille, Linda, and Paul my you feel the loving peace of God as you celebrate a life well- lived.*

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**Kimberly Humbert** - July 01, 2021 at 10:51 PM

AH

“ *Ralph was my late husband's, Hersh Harrod's, best college roommate and best friend. Ralph's exuberance, wit, generosity and love for God, family, friends and community were exceptional. My parents and I had the privilege to meet and know Ralph and Lucy. We adored them, we're charmed by them and appreciated their goodness and the fun we had sharing precious time with them. Married 67 years! What inspirations. May Lucy and all your family be granted special sustaining graces, find peace in your hearts and continue to feel Ralph's presence and guiding wisdom in your lives.*

*Loving, deepest sympathy,*

*Andrea ("Andi") Harrod*

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**Andrea Harrod** - July 01, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Hodges Gordon.*



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July 01, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ Your friends Saul, Frank, Tor and Sherif. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ralph Hodges Gordon.



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Your friends Saul, Frank, Tor and Sherif. - June 29, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Hodges Gordon.



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June 28, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SB

“ It is with deep sadness that we Metropolitan Basketball Officials Association (MBOA) hear about the death of Ralph. We enjoyed talking, refereeing and spending time with him during his tenure with MBOA. Ralph was a dedicated member for 50 years and he contribute a lot to our great organization. He would be deeply missed. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal | Isaiah 35:10. Our prayers are with the family.

*His MBOA Family!!*

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Shereka Brown - June 28, 2021 at 11:18 AM

WG

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Ralph. I enjoyed talking with him over the years. My prayers are with the family.  
Charles Dial and family

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**Wanda Green** - June 27, 2021 at 05:30 PM

KA

“ Sorry to hear Ralph has gone from this world- but sure hope he's having coffee with my dad!!  
Love y'all! Kathy (Kretsch) Hopke

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**Kathy** - June 25, 2021 at 04:31 PM

CS

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Charlene Grizzard Storey  
Betty Whittle Grizzard

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**Charlene Storey** - June 25, 2021 at 01:43 PM