



Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr.

March 16, 1931 - March 5, 2022

Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr., age 90, of Newnan, Georgia passed away peacefully on March 5, 2022, at home after an extended illness.

Ray was born on March 16, 1931, to Louis Lamar Petty, Sr. and Willie Brown Carswell Petty of Irwinton, Georgia. He graduated from Irwinton High School in June 1950. Ray attended Emory University at Oxford and graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts in June 1952. In May, 1971, he graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Georgia State University.

On July 25, 1951, Ray married his high school sweetheart, Gerrie Dent. Ray served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina from 1952 to 1954. He worked in Columbus, Georgia for the State from 1954 to 1956. He moved to Newnan, Georgia in 1957 where he worked as Industrial Relations Manager for the William L. Bonnell Company (Tredegar) until his retirement in 1990. After retirement, Ray remained very active. He conducted training seminars for companies in the area and taught college classes at West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia.

Ray was a faithful servant of the Lord. He was a member of the Newnan First United Methodist Church. He taught Sunday School classes for over 35 years. He served almost every committee in the church. Ray had a beautiful singing voice. He sang in the Chancel Choir and was a member of the Swinging Singing Seniors.

Ray was an active member of the community. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Civitan Club, and the Masonic Lodge of Georgia. One of his passions was supporting Newnan High School athletics. He was the Newnan Athletic Booster Club President in 1973. In 1974 Coach Bass made him an honorary member of the Newnan High School coaching staff because of outstanding loyalty and service. Holmes Cunningham, former Newnan High School Principal, and Ray attended every Newnan football and baseball game possible. They traveled to out-of-town games, got lost many times, but always made it home with stories to tell.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Louis Lamar Sr., his mother Willie Brown (Bill), his sister, Carolyn (Sis) , and his brother, Louis Lamar, Jr. Ray is survived by his wife, Gerrie, his daughter, Sandra McCormick and her husband John, his son, Dupree, and his wife Marsha, his grandson Mason and his wife Stacey, his grandson Justin and his wife Alyssa and their children Joy Kate and Wells, and his granddaughter Jaclyn and her husband Patrick and their son Levi.

Visitation is at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Mckoon Funeral Home and the funeral service will follow in the chapel at 11:00 AM. A private burial service for the family will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Newnan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Sacred Journey Hospice 60 Oak Hill Blvd Ste 203, Newnan, GA 30265 or Newnan First Methodist Church 33 Greenville St S, Newnan, GA 30263 in memory of Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 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 Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 17, 2022 at 03:38 PM

RG

Well done! Love all the pics and I am sure there are many wonderful stories behind them.

RIP Ray we miss you!

Richard Gilmore - March 25, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 09, 2022 at 08:04 AM

BT

“ Ray was one of our best teachers for the Henry Kitchens Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church. We will miss his wisdom and thoughtfulness in his teaching of our lessons. Barbara and I always enjoyed his presentations. We will miss him but he is in heaven with Barbara and hope that they will meet there. Bob Terpening.

Bob Terpening - March 12, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DA

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr Petty's death. For the years he was my boss at Bonnell, he was very kind, a team player never too busy to help with major departmental projects that had to be done. Bonnell had over 1300 employees and I never saw Mr Petty at a loss to recall a name and, very often, to even ask about family members. So much caring, so much compassion. Definitely a loss to the employees of Bonnell when he left. God bless you all.

Diann Alford - March 10, 2022 at 12:39 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry about the passing of Mr. Ray. He was such a wonderful, sweet man. ❤️ Love you all, Robin Barron Mann



Robin Mann - March 09, 2022 at 04:31 PM

PC

“ Miss Gerri so sorry for the passing of Mr. Ray. He was a wonderful man. Prayers for you and your entire family. Pam Clemons (bank)



Pam Clemons - March 08, 2022 at 01:15 PM

LF

“ Dear Mrs. Gerrie,
I was so heartbroken to hear about Mr. Ray. He was such a kind and caring man. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love,

Laurie Fambro

Laurie Fambro - March 08, 2022 at 12:07 PM

HM

“ My dearest Gerrie,
Our hearts are broken about the passing of Ray. He was so wonderful and smart especially when he taught me in Bible Study. Give our love to Sandra and Dupree and spouses and grandchildren. Know that Hugh and I love you very much and that you are in our prayers.

Hugh and Lynne Maddux - March 07, 2022 at 05:39 PM

AA

“ So sorry to hear bout Ray's passing. Speak his name often to keep his memories alive. Praying for comfort for family and friends during this time.

Angela Smith Alexander

Angela Smith Alexander - March 07, 2022 at 05:19 PM

HP

“ Ray was a devoted member of Newnan First United Methodist where he gave so much of himself .Our church and community have lost a wonderful man of God. My deepest sympathy to Gerrie and his entire family.

Harriett Palmer - March 07, 2022 at 03:03 PM

PH

“ What a genuinely sweet, smart, caring person Ray was. So sad to hear of his passing.

Peggy Hall - March 07, 2022 at 12:36 PM

TG

“ Dupree I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. May God keep you in his loving arms and know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Tammy Goodwin - March 07, 2022 at 09:04 AM

TG

“ Tommy Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Raymond Dupree Petty, Sr.



Tommy Gilbert - March 07, 2022 at 03:33 AM

GW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Ray's passing. My thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.



Geraldine Welch - March 06, 2022 at 05:17 PM