



## Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson

March 6, 1949 - August 29, 2023

Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson, 74, of Newnan, GA, formerly of Bakersfield, CA, passed away unexpectedly at his home on August 29, 2023. He was born in Kingsburg, CA, on March 6, 1949, to the late Marvin Ray Thompson and Helen Edith McNabb Thompson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Glenda Darlene Thompson and brother Robert Leonard Thompson.

Ray graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1967. He enlisted in the US Army in 1968, where he proudly served until his discharge in 1971. After his discharge from the Army, Ray graduated from Bakersfield College in 1973.

Upon returning home to Bakersfield, Ray worked for Asbury Transportation Co as a truck driver before joining the Kern County Fire Department, rising to the rank of Captain. He retired in 2007. During his tenure as a firefighter, Ray also ran a successful ice cream delivery service and was a substitute bus driver for the school district.

Ray was married to Geraldine Williams from 1974 to 1997. They shared one daughter, Sarah Rae Thompson. He attended and was baptized in the Baptist Church. Later, Ray was received into the Episcopal Church at St Paul's Episcopal Parish in Bakersfield, CA.

On June 28, 2003, Ray married Jean Haynes Berry. In 2013, Ray and Jean moved to Newnan, GA. where he enjoyed his retirement creating beautiful woodworking projects. Ray attended All Saints Anglican Church in Fayetteville, GA

Memorial service will be conducted by Fr. Donald Hutchens on Saturday September 16, 2023, at 11:00am, at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263.

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

Ray is survived by his wife Jean Marie Thompson, daughter Sarah Thompson, and stepchildren Anne Marie (Clayton) Austin, Sarah (Brett) Hoffmann, and Russell (Mallory) Berry; and granddaughter Jewel Beers; step-grandchildren Jackson, Joshua, and Madeleine Austin; and James and Walker Berry; nieces Marcie (Beau) Etchart, and Michelle (Eric) Cash; and nephew Ryan (Kari) Thompson.

McKoon Funerla Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **16.** 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 Webcast in memory of Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 16, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *I worked one of three shifts opposite of Ray in Bear Valley Springs for KCFD for several years. Ray was a pleasant guy to be around. A laid back kind of guy with that occasional humor. I have good memories of our days up there in the mountains making shift change. Sometimes on the side of a mountain that was on fire. It seems strange for him to have passed. He will be missed. God bless 🇺🇸🔥*

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**Mike Perry** - September 19, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson.*

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September 14, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson.*



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“ *Bob Edmondson & Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson.*

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**Bob Edmondson & Girls** - September 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Bob Edmondson & Girls purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond "Ray" Wayne Thompson.*



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**Bob Edmondson & Girls** - September 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Jean, I was so sorry to read of Ray's passing. This is Norma Jackson of St. Paul's and Trinity Anglican in Bakersfield. I remember Ray working outside team with Olga and I at Cursillo and got such a kick out of his amazement at what we did there. He was a big help especially with the heavy lifting we did at the Saturday night "feasts" at Bernasconi Center. I emailed Chris and Olgs to let them know. Our prayers are with you. Ray is now with Jesus in heaven and will save a place for you. God love and keep you. Thank you for posting his obituary in the Californian. Love, Norma.*

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**Norma Jackson** - September 12, 2023 at 02:02 PM