



## Rev. James Edward Luke

June 7, 1931 - May 18, 2013

The Reverend James E. (Jim) Luke, formerly of Wesley Woods in Newnan, died May 18, 2013 at Doctor's Hospice in Fayetteville, following an extended illness. He was surrounded by his family.

A retired United Methodist minister, Reverend Luke devoted 40 years of his life to serve Methodist congregations in Mississippi and Georgia. His first appointment was a rural charge of five churches north of Meridian, Mississippi, which included Porterville, Union Hill, Mt. Hebron, Briggs Chapel, and Chapel Hill United Methodist Churches. Later he would serve numerous other United Methodist churches including Druid Hills in Meridian, Mississippi; Lovejoy, Red Oak, and Gaither's Chapel in the Newton County-Covington, Georgia area; Midway in Alpharetta, Georgia; Sandy Springs in North Fulton County, Georgia; Tallapoosa in Haralson County, Georgia; Tillman, Trinity and Fair Oaks in Cobb County, Georgia; Zoar in Lithonia, Georgia, and Hillside in Woodstock, Georgia.

While serving his first pastorate, Reverend Luke was graduated from Livingston State College (now West Alabama University). After moving to Georgia, he attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta and was graduated with a master's degree in theology.

Reverend Luke was born June 7, 1931 in Meridian, Mississippi to Vardaman and Leona Luke. He was married for more than 60 years to his childhood sweetheart, Carolyn Frasier Luke, until her death in May of 2008. In the fall of 2008, he moved to Wesley Woods of Newnan to be closer to his daughters.

The Reverend Luke is survived by his son, Stephen P. Luke (wife Cheryl Luke) of Easton, Pennsylvania; daughters Crystal T. Johnson of LaGrange and Cindy Valentine (husband Jerry Valentine) of Newnan; grandsons, Eric Valentine (wife Loie O'Brien Valentine) and Chris Luke (wife Heather White Luke), of Decatur; Mark Valentine (wife Tami Calhoun Valentine) and Andrew Valentine, of Newnan; and Michael Luke (wife Elizabeth Dunn Luke) of Woodstock; and great-grandchildren Zoe and Hayden Valentine of Newnan, and Lilly and Elena Luke of Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at McKoon Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. with interment at Greenlawn Cemetery in Roswell. Visitation will be Tuesday evening between 6:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to American Diabetes Association, 225 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30303.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

950 Mansell Road  
Roswell, GA 30076

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 22.** 10:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *I wish I had known you better. I am your cousin from Florida. It sounds like you had a wonderful life.*

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**Don Luke** - May 23, 2013 at 06:16 PM

PD

“ *What a wonderful man he was. I cherish many memories with him while we were serving together in the Covington area. I cherish the fact that he asked me to be the one to place his elder stole on him at his ordination. I also remember the time he was driving Sanford McDonald and myself to Pastor's School and he got stopped in a small south Georgia town and got a ticket for speeding. He said he could gereally talk his way out of those...I guess he had prior experience! He was a fine Christian man. We need more like him. Blessing on all the family and friends*

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**Phil DeMore** - May 21, 2013 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ *Knowing Reverand Luke was one of the highlights of my life. I attended Fair Oaks Methodist. I would come to church early on Sundays just to sit and talk to Jim in his office. he was an interesting man, and helped me get through some tough times. My condolences to his family. Doug*

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**Doug McCoy** - May 21, 2013 at 02:22 PM

BW

“ My symathy to all of Jim's children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. He served the Lord and the United Methodist Church so faithfully and touched so many people's lives. He was our pastor at Zoar UMC. I remember when my son had surgery when my son was 14 months old, it was Jim who came and sat with me the whole time until the doctor came out and told me that everything would be alright. What a comforting presence he was. Now he is in the presence of our Lord and I know God is saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

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**Becky White** - May 21, 2013 at 08:05 AM

HD

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of condolences.If any way we can help do not fail to call. Mrs.Valentine we love you.770 253 3293 Sub @ Smokey Road Middle School Mrs. D.

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**Hazel (Mrs. D) Darden** - May 20, 2013 at 08:21 PM

VT

“ God bless that man ! Family friend since I can remember, we were even privileged to have him serve as our minister at Druid Hills Meth/Meridian, Ms. As I was flying home from Germany with my newborn daughter, who is there to greet us at Atlanta airport- Jim and Carolyn! Love those folks" Jim would years later give Lauri's wedding reception dinner invocation. The whole Luke family has our love and condolences

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**Vonica Tamney** - May 20, 2013 at 07:48 PM

DU

“ Dear Family, My condolences to you and my prayers to God on your behalf. It is Steve and Crystal who I knew from our high school days together as your father served in Newton County. I admired your father and his faithful ministry; I appreciated your mother and her loyalty to her family. In every way you feel your loss, may you also know God's promised presence and comfort.

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**Don Underwood** - May 20, 2013 at 05:53 PM

GV

“ My heart felt sympathies for your entire family. It is so hard when they leave us , but Rev. Luke is in his heavenly home with his Lord and loved ones that have gone before. I pray for your strength and comfort during this very sad time. I love you

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**Ginger Valentine** - May 19, 2013 at 06:36 PM