



## Richard "Rich" William Vickers

November 7, 1953 - January 23, 2025

Mr. Richard William Vickers, 71, of Hogansville, formerly of Newnan, GA, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2025, at his home. He was born November 7, 1953, in Columbus, OH, to Ronald Vickers and Patricia Byrne Vickers.

Rich grew up in Dolton, IL, where he graduated from Thornridge High School in 1970. He continued his education at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, where he played football, was a Beta Omega Sigma fraternity member, and graduated with a B.A. in business. Following graduation, Rich started his adventures working on a fishing boat off the coast of the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. He then worked cutting cedar shakes in the Olympic Peninsula in western Washington state. Rich returned to the Midwest, working in the Rock Island area until he moved to Atlanta, where he began his thirty-seven-year career as an equipment rental rep working for Caledonia Tractor. Rich worked for a variety of equipment companies until his retirement in 2022. Rich met his wife, Kathie Schroeder, in Atlanta in 1986. They were married in Tipton, Iowa, on August 8, 1987. Following their marriage, Rich and Kathie moved to Newnan, Georgia.

Rich enjoyed the outdoors throughout his life, whether hunting, fishing, boating, or hiking. He and Kathie were working on their travel bucket list before he became ill, enjoying a World War I and II battlefields tour, a Viking

River cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, a safari in Kenya, and lengthy tours of Australia and New Zealand, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, and the Greek Isles. They were planning a tour to southeast Asia before he passed. Rich enjoyed going on several music cruises featuring blues and country artists.

The service for Rich will be held in the chapel at McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA, on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 4 P.M., with visitation from 3-4 P.M.

Rather than flowers the family requests memorial contributions to The Andrew Page Pancreas Fund, PanCan or your chosen charity, foundation or institution.

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

Survivors include wife Kathie Vickers of Hogansville, GA; son, Erik (Maggie Nicholson) of Chamblee, GA; daughter Abigayle (Michael) Rose of Anderson Creek, NC; brother Larry (Gay) Vickers of Mt. Morris, IL; brother-in-law and sister in law, Rusty and Jody Schroeder of Mechanicsville, IA; grandchildren, Rachel Rose, Rylie Rose and Weston Rose of Anderson Creek, NC and Bellamy Vickers of Chamblee, GA; nieces Alyse (Nate) Ritches of Nashville, TN, Maddie (Trey) Lemburg of Tipton, IA; nephews, Garrette (Keegan) Vickers of Rockford, IL, Tyler (Nicole) Schroeder of Farmers Branch, TX; great nieces Addi and Harper Lemburg of Tipton, IA, Mauve Schroeder of Farmers Branch, TX, Vada Vickers of Rockford, IL; great nephews Cale Lemburg of Tipton, IA, and Ronin Vickers of Rockford, IL.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Richard "Rich" William Vickers*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 08, 2025 at 12:40 PM

LR

“ *Kathie,  
I am so sorry to hear this. Please know that I am sending love and prayers for comfort.  
Lissa Rand*

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**Lissa Rand** - February 03, 2025 at 08:31 AM

CD

“ *Carol Dawson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard "Rich" William Vickers.*



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**Carol Dawson** - January 31, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JW

“ *Kathie, I was so sorry to read about your loss of Rich. Thinking of you all in these difficult days.*

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**Jennifer Welch** - January 31, 2025 at 01:03 AM

MS

“ *Mark, David, Katie, Luke and Sheree purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard "Rich" William Vickers.*



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**Mark, David, Katie, Luke and Sheree** - January 30, 2025 at 10:23 AM

SL

“ *Sending my condolences to the family Rich you will be missed such a sweet person!*



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**Sheree Lovelace** - January 30, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" William Vickers.*



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January 29, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Rich" William Vickers.*

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January 29, 2025 at 08:54 AM

GW

“ I am so very sorry to read about your loss, Kathie. I remember seeing the pictures of your wedding when you still were at Evans. Pancreatic cancer is a very serious one and was what Bobby had. My thoughts will be with you and your family in these difficult days ahead. May he rest in eternal peace.



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**Geraldine Welch** - January 28, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SG

*Kathie,  
Jennifer and I are sending our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you  
and your precious family...Sheri*

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**Sheryl L Gill** - February 01, 2025 at 03:21 PM