

Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh

May 11, 1980 - January 18, 2023

Richard Lee "Rick" Bedenbaugh, age 42, passed away in the early morning hours on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. Rick was born on May 11, 1980, to Richard Bedenbaugh and Pamela Hunter Bedenbaugh.

Rick graduated from East Coweta High School in 1998, where he played 4 years of varsity basketball. After high school Rick attended Columbus State University for two years on a basketball scholarship. He then went on to attend the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in Risk Management. Rick was an avid Georgia fan and loved watching football. He enjoyed playing golf and most importantly loved spending time with his son. Rick had a unique sense of humor and never met a stranger. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

The service celebrating Rick's life is Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Rev. Winston Skinner officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

Along with his parents, Rick is survived by his son, Anderson Gantt Bedenbaugh and his mother, Rebecca Graetz. He is also survived by his brother, Sid Bedenbaugh and his wife Melissa; nephew, Hunter Bedenbaugh;

niece, Sydney Bedenbaugh and aunts, Cindi Hunter, Bonnie Thompson (John) and Melanie White (Marshall).

Flowers are welcome but for those who would like to make a memorial contribution may do so to the East Coweta Athletic Department in Rick's name online at www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/In-Memory-Of-Rick-Bedenbaugh--Donations/SdPmR5N. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

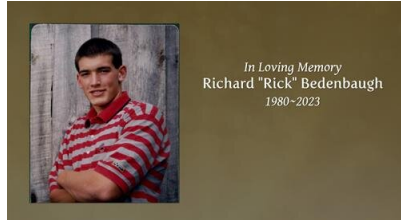
JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 24, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 21, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about you son's passing. My prayer is that GOD will comfort you in the coming days during this very difficult time for your family.*

Tim Wilson - January 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM



Omg I can't believe it we graduated together in 1998 god be with family

Melissa woods elder - February 07, 2023 at 04:53 PM

EH

“ I first noticed Rick when I was teaching at East Coweta in 1997. He was a senior and escorting the football homecoming court out of their convertibles at halftime. Later I commented to my daughter, Jennifer, also a senior, what a striking, confident presence he displayed in front of all the spectators. Who could forget that smile either!

Rick and Jen became friends that year and he joined us for many suppers. We loved his southern drawl, wonderful manners and easy laugh. Being a Midwesterner, he had to teach me how to make southern sweet, iced tea, his favorite supper beverage. Friday night basketball games became frequent as we cheered Rick and his team on for both ECHS and Columbus State.

Though I haven't seen Rick in more than a dozen years, he was and will never be forgotten.

Elizabeth Hogan

Elizabeth Hogan - January 25, 2023 at 07:54 AM

JG

“ I'm so sorry to read about your son. Dad and I met many years ago in my Chiropractic office. I was very fond of Rick's late grandparents and think about them all the time.

John Giovanelli - January 23, 2023 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ I have a lot of great memories of Rick growing up as his cousin and living with him in Athens. He always had a smile on his face and his energy was contagious. We had a lot of good times that I will always remember. He will be greatly missed.

Lance Hunter - January 21, 2023 at 01:50 PM

AJ

“ Prayers and love to all of you. May God wrap his loving arms around ya'll to ease your sorrow during this time. Love ya'll.
Ann and Darryl Johnson

Ann Johnsin - January 21, 2023 at 01:47 PM

TD

“ There was this pudgy young boy I grew up knowing as Sid's little brother. By the time we were nearing our end of high school that little guy had become Big Rick and he towered over most of us. In my early adulthood I was fortunate to get to spend a lot of time with Rick. He was one of a kind. He always seemed so happy and to say he was funny would be a giant understatement. I have so many hilarious stories about from my time with him that I still tell to this day.

I wish I lived closer and could make it back to pay my respects. I wish I could have spent some time catching up with him in recent years. He was one of those people that no matter how long it had been you could always just pick up where we left off. I hope I will see him on the other side and see that giant grin again. Gone too soon but never forgotten. Rest in peace Big Rick!

Tim Dailey - January 20, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.



January 20, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.*



January 20, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.*



January 19, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Rick had a sense of humor that nobody else did and was a fun person to be around. I coached Rick with John Thrower at East Coweta on the basketball team, and later he and my son Joey became good friends. I remember seeing him when he attended Joey and Kacy's wedding and he was still as funny then as he was the times I knew him at EC and when my wife Gloria and I would visit Joey at UGA. Our condolences to the Bedenbaugh family in this time of sorrow. Charles and Gloria Daley.*

Charles A. Daley - January 19, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.*



January 19, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.



January 19, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had Mrs. Bedenbaugh as a teacher, Sid's my age (born the day after me in the same hospital) and Rick was always the funny little brother that made us all laugh. I have so many memories but the one that made me see Rick's basketball talents is when he was able to run and catch up to Sid on the tractor cutting Sid's grandfathers field. He could run and pivot like the best of them. I played basketball in school so that was always something I would look at. Rick is a mighty soul, and I know it has left a wound here to feel, but just imagine the reunion he is having on the other side. I'm so sorry for your loss but will be forever thankful for the few memories that I have of Rick.

Aletha Orr - January 19, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ Kris Talley Farmer lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh



Kris Talley Farmer - January 19, 2023 at 02:45 PM

BW

“ I worked with Rick at Fraziers. He was a good man. Sorry for your loss.

Beverly Worley - January 19, 2023 at 12:12 PM

PW

“ Public Works purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.



Public Works - January 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

NM

“ Neda McDonald lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh



Neda McDonald - January 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SB

“ Sabrina Biggers lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh



Sabrina Biggers - January 19, 2023 at 09:26 AM

HC

“ Henry And Gloria Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh



Henry and Gloria Caldwell - January 19, 2023 at 08:09 AM

RB

“ Prayers for the family for God to give you peace.



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - January 19, 2023 at 07:31 AM

BM

“ Rick was the first person I met in middle school when we started at East Coweta Middle in the 6th grade. I was scared, he was scared...but together we laughed our way through the first several weeks of school. We remained friends from then on. I haven't seen or talked to Rick in a few decades but I'm sure we could have picked up where we left off. Life has a funny way of turning directions from the way we think it should be... taking you from where and who you felt comfortable with... not very fair at all, but unfortunately that's the way life has been for me and apparently the way life was for Rick as well. I'm 100% sure that he didn't plan or hope that this, at 42 short years, was the way it was "supposed" to be. Life is short and we absolutely NEVER know how it's going to turn out no matter how hard we plan for it to be different. Through and through, I know Rick had a heart of gold, he showed that throughout his life. My heart goes out to his family, his Mama, his son, his better half...this journey that y'all have begun is one that I would not wish on anyone. I've lost a son, I've lost a husband and a "Daddy" to my children...the hurt of watching my kids hurt from losing their Dad is one like no other....and a Mama losing her son...well, there is no other pain greater than that, that could ever, EVER could exist...it is completely unimaginable no matter the circumstances or age...or anything ...no other heartache like it!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you now and the many, MANY hard days to come.

Bethany McGuffey - January 18, 2023 at 10:38 PM

PS

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Peter Skrmetti - January 18, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.*



January 18, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Lee Bedenbaugh.*



January 18, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *My condolences to all of you during this time. I am so overwhelmed with emotion over this. I may not have seen Rick in the past 15 years or so, but he and the Bedenbaugh family are in so many of my memories growing up. I can't remember NOT being friends with Rick. He always had the nicest smile and laugh. I will treasure those memories. My prayers are with all of y'all and Becca and their son.
Tracie Satterwhite and family
Theresa and Donnie Shelnut
Troy Shelnut and family*

Tracie Satterwhite - January 18, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Love Susan and Ronnie Whatley*

Susan Whatley - January 18, 2023 at 06:45 PM