



Richard Carl Shrum

January 1, 1946 - November 28, 2025

Richard Carl Shrum, 79, of Newnan, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025, at home, surrounded by his wife and children. He was born on January 1, 1946, in Miami, Florida, to the late Dwight Leonard Shrum and Elinor Grubb Shrum. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his niece, Michelle Cole, and brother-in-law Harry Cole.

Richard's early life was spent in many places due to his father's career as a Pan Am captain. He graduated from Cold Spring Harbor High School in Long Island, New York, in 1964. He attended Kent State University in Ohio before transferring to Miami Dade College in Florida, where he met the love of his life, Estelle Meehan, at just 18 years old.

Richard joined the United States Army, and he and Estelle were married on January 11, 1969. Shortly after their wedding, Richard was deployed to Vietnam. Following his military service, he was a pilot for Zia Airways for a short time before joining the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he worked for 28 years before retiring at age 56.

Richard and Estelle built a beautiful life together and were blessed with two children, Michael Richard Shrum and Erica Shrum Hackworth, and four grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, with Pastor John Hobbs officiating. Burial will follow on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

Survivors include his loving wife, Estelle Patricia Shrum; son, Michael Richard Shrum and wife Charlotte of Fleming Island, FL; daughter, Erica Suzanne Hackworth and husband Dwight of Newnan, GA; sister, Barbara Cole of Sterling Heights, MI; brother, Don Shrum of Prescott, AZ; grandchildren, Bryce Michelle Hackworth of Newnan, Grayson Gatis Hackworth of Newnan, Preston Luke Shrum of Fleming Island, FL, and Peyton Jade Shrum of Fleming Island, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to The Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

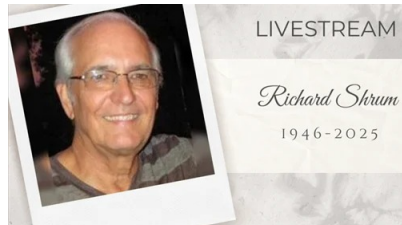
DEC 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Carl Shrum*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 08, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Sunny C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Carl Shrum.*

Sunny C. - December 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

DL

“ *Dara and John, Tracy and Jonathan Lang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Carl Shrum.*

Dara and John, Tracy and Jonathan Lang - December 05, 2025 at 08:28 PM

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“ *Dara and John, Tracy and Jonathan Lang purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Carl Shrum.*



Dara and John, Tracy and Jonathan Lang - December 05, 2025 at 08:28 PM

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“ Your Friends & Family at Interactiv planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Carl Shrum.

Your Friends & Family at Interactiv - December 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ Your Friends & Family at Interactiv purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Carl Shrum.



Your Friends & Family at Interactiv - December 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ Estelle and family, Our deepest condolences for this loss of your husband. Your family will be in my prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead. It's consoling that one day you will be joined in heaven with him and other loved ones. But it's a time a deep loss right now, take care of yourself. Love, Alice & Bobby Wheat

Alice Wheat - December 02, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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“ Erica & family, y'all are in our thoughts & prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss. I know it's hard to say goodbye. Hopefully y'all can find solace in the fact that you will see him again in heaven. Until then, I pray God wraps His arms of comfort & peace around you. God bless. 🙏❤️

Gina Hackworth - December 02, 2025 at 11:51 AM