



River Jackson Rooks

July 7, 1995 - January 19, 2026

River Jackson Rooks, age 30, of Greenville, Georgia, passed away on January 16, 2026. Born on July 7, 1995, River lived life on his own terms and left a lasting impression on everyone who truly knew him. River was funny, stubborn, and fiercely opinionated—a proud, gun-loving, hard-core Republican who loved a good debate on just about any topic. He stood firmly in his beliefs and wasn't afraid to speak his mind, but beneath that strong exterior was a loyal friend and a deeply caring soul. He loved the outdoors, playing in the mud, and working with his hands. River had an incredible ability to fix just about anything, often solving problems quietly by repairing what was broken rather than talking about it. When he did sit down with you, he was fully present—listening intently, offering advice, and helping in ways that truly mattered. He loved all animals, but none more than his dog, Ben, who was his constant companion and best buddy.

Though River wasn't the most social person, those lucky enough to be part of his circle knew his loyalty ran deep. He loved his friends, valued genuine connection, and showed his care through actions more than words.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time. A private interment will take place at Southview Cemetery in Moreland.

River is preceded in death by his grandfathers, George Lauzon and James Rooks, and grandmother Pat Rooks. He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Donna Rooks, His Brother, Hunter Rooks (Katie), and his nephew, Brayden, Rohen, and Beckham Rooks and niece, Maylen Rooks. Grandmother Veronica Lauzon, uncles James Lauzon (Debbie) and Allen Rooks (Bettyann), Aunt Catherine Groover (Chris), along with family, friends, and all who were touched by his sharp wit, capable hands, and unwavering authenticity.

River's life was far too short, but the memories he created and the love he showed in his own steady way will never be forgotten.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 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 River Jackson Rooks*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 27 at 09:09 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of River Jackson Rooks*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 27 at 09:07 AM

PE

“ *Paula E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.*

Paula E. - January 27 at 01:55 PM

WT

“ *River was a awesome guy definitely was a good friend went from co workers to gym bros to friends thanks for the positive impact you left on my life River RIP prayers to your family*



William(Choc) Terrell - January 27 at 11:31 AM

AC

“ *Anthony C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.*

Anthony C. - January 27 at 09:53 AM

WT

“ William T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.

William T. - January 27 at 07:43 AM

PW

“ Polly Wells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.

Polly Wells - January 26 at 11:14 PM

PW

“ Polly Wells purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



Polly Wells - January 26 at 11:14 PM



“ 43 files added to the album River rooks



Donna Rooks - January 26 at 04:53 PM

PK

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss!

Peggy Kraft - January 26 at 04:40 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 26 at 12:11 PM

RS

“ River will be missed by many people. He was like a brother to me. He was always there for me when I needed him most. He was always making me and others laugh. It was impossible to be in a bad mood if river was around. He radiated happiness and laughter everywhere he went. He was a smart and confident man that knew alot of things. He will always be remembered and pictures will be going up with my other family that has passed. I am truly sorry for your loss Donna Rooks & Wayne Rooks. "Only the good, die young" by Billy joel



Riley Schlegel - January 26 at 11:40 AM

RS

Sadly can't edit. Right after I posted i thought of a much better song. "Who You'd Be Today" by Kenny Chesney

Riley Schlegel - January 26 at 11:48 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 26 at 11:31 AM

JH

“ Dear Donna and Family,
I am so deeply sorry to hear of the sudden passing of your son, River. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I remember River from SAFE camp many years ago and what a fun and lively young man he was back then. May the Lord bring you comfort and peace in the days, weeks, and years ahead, as only He can.
With heartfelt sympathy,

Jamie Hixson and Family



Jamie Hixson - January 26 at 11:06 AM

TF

“ The Oldcastle Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



The Oldcastle Family - January 26 at 10:41 AM

LC

“ Hey bro just dropping in on you. Literally two weeks ago just about we was at your house playing all star brawl on the Xbox laughing like crazy and looking through your collection of magic cards. Man it hurts to see you gone but you're always gonna be my best friend & I'll see you on the other side one day, this is t goodbye, but see you later bro! Ps I remember back in high school we rode around in the Mitsubishi with the train horns on top of the car and spooking people and hunting for ghost in the fields. Good times man good times...

Lucas Cook - January 26 at 05:36 AM

KT

“ Donna, Wayne and Hunter
Words cannot express the sorrow we're feeling for you. I will always remember interacting with the little shy blonde haired kid when he came into the office. If you need anything from us please don't hesitate to call. Keeping you all in our prayers.

Kelvin & Ella Thompson



Kelvin Thompson - January 25 at 10:56 PM

MA

*Donna,
I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers go out to you and your family. God bless this family.*

Michael Aldredge - January 26 at 09:13 PM

AX

“ *Angie, Nick, Nicole and Anthony XOXO purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of River Jackson Rooks.*



Angie, Nick, Nicole and Anthony XOXO - January 25 at 10:59 AM

BT

“ *Belinda Thompson lit a candle in memory of River Jackson Rooks*



Belinda Thompson - January 25 at 10:35 AM

BT

So sorry for your loss. I go to Raymond Baptist with all the Rook relatives. James and Pat were dear friends and River is now with them and Jesus. Praying for your family.

Belinda Thompson - January 25 at 10:38 AM

TC

“ *Praying for Wayne and Donna and family. We are so sorry for your loss. May God bring you peace and comfort during this time and the days and years to come. Truly, he will be missed by all.*

Terry Calhoun - January 25 at 02:52 AM

CG

“ *Cathy, Chris, Joey and Kayla Groover purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of River Jackson Rooks.*



Cathy, Chris, Joey and Kayla Groover - January 24 at 11:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 24 at 10:33 PM

DW

“ Wayne, Donna, and Hunter, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you. May God comfort and bless you during these difficult days. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy Williford - January 24 at 08:33 PM

NM

“ Nancy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.

Nancy M. - January 24 at 07:51 PM

AL

“ River was always making me and so many others laugh. He had a knack of finding the funny in any situation or making the funny. He is so missed by so many at OBE! Prayers for his family and all his close friends.

Andrea Lowery - January 24 at 07:16 PM

DC

Wayne, Donna, & Hunter... Sending y'all my sincere condolences. I was so sad to hear of River's passing and my heart goes out to all of you. I am praying for comfort and peace knowing he is with Jesus and praying for the heartache of missing him beyond anything imaginable. Love y'all and will continue praying for all that loved him 💔
Dee Cook

Dee Cook - January 25 at 10:19 PM

JC

“ Jill and Carl Marino and Tommy Collins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



Jill and Carl Marino and Tommy Collins - January 24 at 06:01 PM

JC

“ Jill and Carl Marino and Tommy Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.

Jill and Carl Marino and Tommy Collins - January 24 at 06:01 PM

MY

“ Donna, Wayne, Hunter and Family, our heart and prayers to you during this difficult time. May God's loving arms wrap around you in the days ahead giving you peace and comfort. We love you, Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family

Mike&Bev Yeager - January 24 at 05:26 PM

GA

“ Garners purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



Garners - January 24 at 03:40 PM

CC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cindy Chancey - January 24 at 02:57 PM

RQ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I understand the pain all too well. I am just so sorry you are all going through this. Praying for comfort for you all. Your cousins, Robin Ann Quick & the Quick/Beckom family.



Robin Ann Quick - January 24 at 02:41 PM

BS

Oh no...we are in shock! Praying God's peace for ya'!!

Brian and Sharon - January 24 at 03:07 PM

M&

Although I did not know River Andrea speaks fondly of him. Steven and I are so very sorry for your loss. We feel your pain 😞 find peace in your beautiful memories of your son/grandson💔

MaryAnn & Steven Davis ♥ - January 24 at 06:35 PM

JF

“ John & Barbara Amicangioli & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



John & Barbara Amicangioli & Family - January 24 at 02:31 PM

JF

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John & Barbara Amicangioli & Family - January 24 at 02:31 PM

CM

“ Chuck and Kari Mcconnell purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



Chuck and Kari Mcconnell - January 24 at 02:10 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 24 at 02:08 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 24 at 02:06 PM

FT

“ From John Tully purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



From John Tully - January 24 at 02:03 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



January 24 at 01:58 PM

JC

“ Josh & Chrissy Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of River Jackson Rooks.

Josh & Chrissy Chambers - January 24 at 01:58 PM

DM

“ River was our next door neighbor for the 3 plus years since we bought our home in Greenville. We are so thankful for having this fine young man as our neighbor and friend.
I'm so sorry for the families loss, and will miss River!

David McKeehan - January 24 at 01:43 PM

MF

“ Morgan + Austin Freeman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of River Jackson Rooks.



Morgan + Austin Freeman - January 24 at 01:41 PM