



## Robert Daniel Brown, Jr.

November 4, 1937 - January 29, 2022

Robert "Bob" Daniel Brown, Jr., 84, of Newnan, passed away Saturday, January 29th, 2022, at home surrounded by his wife and sons. He was born November 4th, 1937 in Newnan, Georgia to the late Robert and Alma Ruth Martin Brown.

Bob graduated from Newnan High School in 1955, and briefly attended Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the gymnastics team. During his time at Georgia Tech he also worked for the Corps of Engineers. Later he served in the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard before pursuing an opportunity to start a gold mine in South America. This took him to Colombia to work as a gold prospector in the town of Chigorodó, located about 175 miles northwest of Medellín. He returned to the U.S. due to difficulties securing funding for the mine and found work with Georgia Power. Later, he became the manager of The Round Table, one of the first fine dining restaurants in Atlanta, for his father-in-law. Other employment included owning and running a Gulf service station in Newnan, owning an HVAC installation company, insurance sales, Assistant VP of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Senoia, and branch manager of the Newnan Savings Bank in Peachtree City.

In the spring of 1966, Bob met the love of his life. Vesta Ann Hicks had recently moved to Atlanta from Charlotte, North Carolina when she met Bob

one evening at the encouragement of Nat Hubbard, Bob's lifelong friend. After talking on the phone for several weeks, they went on their first date-a solo flight from Atlanta to Newnan to meet Bob's parents and sister. Vesta didn't know it was one of Bob's first solo flights after earning his pilot's license, but she lived to tell the tale.

They married within a year on October 1, 1966 and had two sons together, Robert Daniel Brown III (1967) and James Matthew Brown (1970). The boys spent their early years in Smyrna, Georgia before Bob built a family house in Newnan on his father's lake. In 1977, the unnamed country road by the newly finished property became Brown Place, and Bob lived there for the rest of his life with his wife, where he enjoyed fishing, woodworking, raising livestock, growing vegetables, fighting off beavers, and taking in stray cats with imaginative names for many years.

After moving back to Newnan, the Browns became members at Newnan Church of Christ, where Bob made many lifelong friends. Bob loved God, and he might have shown this best by loving people-so much so that friends often joked he "collected people." His wife warned him not to make eye contact with strangers lest they find their way into the will, but Bob still managed to make friends and touch lives wherever he went, which was far and wide. One of favorite community involvements included his participation in the Optimist International club, a fitting association for his own personal optimism and desire to serve his community.

Throughout their marriage of over 55 years, Bob and Vesta went on many adventures, taking them to Scotland, Switzerland, and several U.S. states, like Alaska, Colorado, the Carolinas, and Florida, where he traveled frequently to visit his late sister Peggy, her husband Dwight, and his beloved nieces and nephews, who called him Uncle Bobby. The Carolinas were the home of his wife's family, and they often visited her sister Donna and husband Donny, both

who Bob dearly loved, in South Carolina. Machu Picchu topped his bucket list for years, and in 2015 at the age of 78, he and Vesta finally had the chance to visit Peru to see the Incan mountaintop ruins.

While travels didn't always go according to plan (a favorite story among family and friends involves a hot air balloon crash in Colorado), Bob and Vesta always made the most of every opportunity to make new friends, experience foreign cultures, and appreciate the beauty of this world.

Bob retired from Metropolitan Insurance Company in 1999, starting what would soon become his favorite job shortly thereafter: the number-one gofer at RDJE, Inc., the construction company founded by his cousin, Ronnie D. Jones. This job required traveling all over the state and meeting new people—two of Bob's favorite activities. As a job perk, he also got to wear steel-toed boots and drive a Ford F-250.

Bob Brown is preceded in death by his mother and father, his sister Peggy Elaine Brown Keene, and his two dear brothers-in-law. He is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years Vesta; sons Robert Daniel Brown III (Janice) and James Matthew "Matt" Brown; grandchildren Forrest Daniel (Jacqueline), Connor Andrew (Emily), and Madeleine Claire Brown; a beloved sister-in-law, and a host of dearly loved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive family and friends on Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 1-3 pm at the Newnan Church of Christ located at 2675 GA-34, Newnan, GA 30265. A celebration of life service will follow immediately at the same location from 3-4 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Georgia Agape. (<https://www.georgiaagape.org/>) Finally, out of respect for the lives and health of attendees, the family requests that all attendees wear a mask while in the church building.

Robert Daniel Brown, Jr., 1937-2022. He enjoyed the dash.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Newnan Church of Christ  
2675 Hwy 34 East / PO Box 71384  
Newnan, GA 30265

## Memorial Service

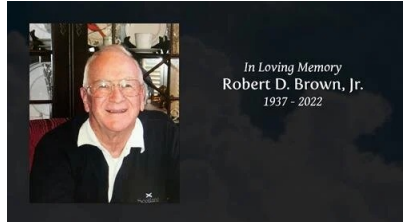
FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Daniel Brown, Jr.*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 01, 2022 at 01:40 PM

CD

*My deepest condolences. What a beautiful life. Carey Deacon*

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**Carey Deacon** - February 04, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am so sorry. Robin Barron Mann*



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**Robin Mann** - February 06, 2022 at 01:59 PM

JR

“ *My condolences Vesta and your family. I so absolutely loved reading about when you met and ended up with so many adventures that you lived together. Walking with God every step is such an example of what a life is. I love you Vesta. Take care of yourself. That man would certainly expect that. He sounds so incredibly wonderful and he got you as the best prize ever.*

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**Joyce Robbins** - February 05, 2022 at 11:25 AM

TR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Vesta, Rob, Matt, and family. "Sweet Bob" always made us feel Special and Loved when we were welcomed to Newnan Church of Christ. Enjoyed "ALL of BOB's stories about growing up, and so much history about Coweta and Fayette County !!!! We will always cherish all the great memories with our "Vesta and Bob". God has welcomed a precious Angel to Heaven. We Love you Vesta, Tommy and Anne



Tom and Anne Raines - February 04, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.mckoon.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Robert Daniel Brown, Jr..

February 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ We were in the same "small group" at church. We loved hanging out with him and Vesta. We were welcomed in their home many times. I always ended up cooking something and making Bob some corn bread. I use to call Bob as my boyfriend and Vesta called Raymond her boy friend. Be at peace and no pain our dear friend we will see you again some day. Luv-U Raymond and Jackie Butler

Jackie & Raymond. Butler - February 03, 2022 at 01:41 PM

BO

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Bob many years ago at the F&M and he was truly one of the nicest people I've ever met.

Bonnie - February 03, 2022 at 09:41 AM

RO

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Brown family. May you find comfort during this difficult time. Reba Orr and family

Reba Orr - February 02, 2022 at 10:28 PM

TH

“ Vesta and Bob are the best neighbors anybody could ever have. We met Bob the first time we looked at our home. He was friendly and welcoming. From the time we moved in to the present, they have been the best! We will miss Bob so much! They supported us through the loss of our son. We will lift up prayers for Vesta and family in the days to come. I can almost picture Bob greeting everyone in heaven. I imagine the line to greet him is miles long. He is hearing "Well done good and faithful servant!" No more pain, no more tears.

Love you Vesta!

Robert and Tonya Harrison

Tonya & Robert Harrison - February 01, 2022 at 09:26 AM

TO

I forgot to mention the time we fished him out of the lake when he fell in! He had on those steel toed shoes. In January!

Tonya - February 01, 2022 at 09:29 AM

BW

My heart goes out to you Vesta.

Bill Weddine - February 01, 2022 at 11:23 PM

JW

“ Miss Vesta, Rob and Matt, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Bob's passing. You never saw him without a grin and a nice comment. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. Thinking of you all.

Jennifer Welch - January 31, 2022 at 11:25 PM

GW

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. He was a happy man who left his mark on those he met. I know he will be missed terribly by all those who knew him. May he Rest In Peace.



Geraldine Welch - January 31, 2022 at 08:35 PM

GE

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



George - January 31, 2022 at 06:04 PM

GR

“ We will always remember the smile, a natural and genuine smile which Bob seemed to have at all times. He was a good friend and fellow Christian. He will be missed, but we will always hold on to the memories of our time together. We send all of our heart felt love to Vesta, Rob, Mathew and family.

George & Sheryl Reagan

George & Sheryl Reagan - January 31, 2022 at 05:57 PM

LM

Worked with Bob several years at MetLife. A true gentleman and great all round fellow. What a great testimony he lived every day for Christ. Love to Vesta and family. Linda and Fred McCoy

linda mccoy - January 31, 2022 at 07:10 PM

PG

*Pam and I met Bob, quite by chance, during a cruise in the Caribbean a few years ago. We hit it off immediately ( not hard to do with Bob ) and struck up a long-distance friendship with him and Vesta over the years since then. We regret we never managed to visit him and Vesta in Newnan in response to his repeated invitations to do so. We feel a palpable sense of loss at his passing - may he rest in peace. We send our sympathy and condolences to Vesta and the family for their loss.*

*Pamela and Bill Gilchrist.*

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**Pamela and Bill Gilchrist** - January 31, 2022 at 09:38 PM