



Robert Lewis Culbreth

July 23, 1955 - October 14, 2016

Robert Lewis Culbreth, age 61 of Newnan, GA passed away Friday, October 14, 2016 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital with his family by his side. Mr. Culbreth was born in Moultrie, GA on July 23, 1955 to the late Hershell Culbreth and Betty Jean Lindsey Culbreth. He was a band director for many years, a U.S. Army Veteran, a professional clarinetist, and a member of First Baptist Church of Newnan. He is preceded in death by his brother, Ken Culbreth.

Survivors include his wife, Staci Culbreth of Newnan, GA; children, Hannah Culbreth and Sarah Culbreth; sisters, Lee Sasser of Panama City, FL and Donna (Mike) Elliott of Leesburg, GA; a sister in law, JoAnna Byng; nieces and nephews, Kyle Elliott, Johnathan Byng, and Mariah Wallace; and father and mother in law, John and Marilyn Miller.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Rev. Lee Chitwood officiating. Interment will follow at Floral Memory Gardens in Albany, GA. Friends may visit the family on Monday evening from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left for the family at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Floral Memory Gardens

120 Old Pretoria Road
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rachel Hucks lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Culbreth



Rachel Hucks - October 24, 2016 at 11:33 PM

AI

“ Angela Luckey & Derrica Irving lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Culbreth



Angela Luckey & Derrica Irving - October 22, 2016 at 04:36 PM

CC

“ rob student taught under me. D. Carlos Cody, Albany Middle school. He was great guy. He will truly be missed

carlos cody - October 20, 2016 at 02:35 PM

GW

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I knew him when we taught at Evans Middle School in the 1990's. He was a dedicated teacher and a fine person. His smile was emblematic of the pleasant person I always knew him to be. He will be missed. Take comfort in the wonderful legacy he left while on earth.



Geraldine and Bobby Welch - October 19, 2016 at 05:21 AM

CM

“ I first met Bob when I was new to LaGrange, during the Lagrange College production of Sweeney Todd. I liked him from the first - great player and a fun presence in the pit. Later, when I took over the LaGrange Symphony Youth Orchestra, Bob connected me with his teacher friends and students. From Erica, the first student he and Staci sent, he changed the dynamic of the Youth Orchestra, sending students and connecting me with his band teacher friends.

From the first, I also liked Bob because he was so proud of his family. I was lucky to get to know Hannah in the Youth Orchestra - very talented and wonderful young person- but he was equally proud of Staci and Sarah. I will miss him

Celeste Myall - October 18, 2016 at 08:51 PM

DH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy to Rob's family. Rob was not only a close friend, sincerely dedicated musician and most importantly a fine human being that enriched all of our lives. We should all pattern Rob's amazing sense of grace in our own lives.

Douglas Hill, Macon, Georgia

Douglas Hill - October 18, 2016 at 03:08 PM

KG

“ So sad to hear of such a great man's passing! I learned a lot from me Culbreth and very much looked forward to his classes at Evans each day! Many fond memories of my time at Evans middle are because of his teaching and his kindness and smile he always showed! He will be greatly missed! Praying for the family

karen gresham - October 18, 2016 at 07:36 AM

AH

“ *Mr. Culbreth discovered my drive in music and helped me produce my skills in playing the clarinet. I've been playing since the start of middle school and was able to play among some great musicians through college. I will not forget the good spirit of the Mr. Culbreth! He has been my role model since I've heard him play his clarinet...*

Andrea Holloway - October 18, 2016 at 02:44 AM

CK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He taught my son to play trombone at Evans years ago.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Carolyn Kelley*

Carolyn Kelley - October 17, 2016 at 07:25 PM

GB

“ *Robert played so well. He added much to the LaGrange Symphony*

Gail Daniel Browne - October 17, 2016 at 06:24 PM

AS

“ *My first Clarinet teacher and one who actually pushed me to be better. R.I.P Professor Culbreth, you will truly be missed.*

Angel Sneed - October 17, 2016 at 05:00 PM

BG

“ *Mr. Culbreth was truly an educator. I learned music in his class, but more importantly I learned about friendship, the value of hard work, and that mistakes are okay. I don't think Mr. C ever forgot a student, and anytime I saw him he spoke to me like an old friend. Such a kind, friendly spirit is rare, and I truly thought so highly of him. He made every student feel special, and he will be deeply missed.*

Bryce Griffiths - October 17, 2016 at 04:57 PM

ET

“ *Mr. Culbreth taught me to believe in myself.*

Ethan Crouse

Ethan - October 17, 2016 at 04:11 PM

DS

“ *D.J. & Jack Shaw purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.*



D.J. & Jack Shaw - October 17, 2016 at 02:03 PM

CC

“ *To Donna and Family, "When one of God's holy lovers dies, it is costly to the Lord, touching his heart. Lord, because I am your loving servant you have broken open my life and freed me from my chains." Psalm 116:15-16*
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Charlie Crapps & Family

Charlie W Crapps - October 17, 2016 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ *Nancy and I are saddened to hear of dear Bob's passing. We will miss him. He was a wonderful person and a terrific colleague in the Macon Symphony. It was always a pleasure to talk with him and perform with him. God bless.*

David Morris - October 17, 2016 at 11:28 AM

TU

“ I'm so sorry about Bob and all you've been through. He was a good, good man, and I know he's in a great place. I'm keeping you and the girls in my prayers over the next few days and beyond. Please come back to the MSO as soon as you can, as we all love you and need you. Peace and blessings to all of you.

Tom Underwood - October 17, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.



October 17, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.



October 17, 2016 at 09:20 AM

FF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob. He was a great music teacher and an even better person. Our son's had Bob for music at Evans Middle School. Our prayers are with all the family.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - October 17, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MS

“ I was sorry to hear about Mr. Culbreth's passing. We enjoyed having him as a part of the LCS family. You are in our prayers.

Melissa Sheffield - October 17, 2016 at 08:09 AM

KB

“ Staci,

Josh and I were both so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. It seems like no time at all that we were talking to you both at GMEA about your careers and children. He will be missed dearly in the Music Department.

We will be keeping you and your daughters in our prayers. I am just so very sorry for your loss.

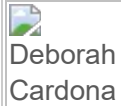
Katie Byrd

Katie Byrd - October 17, 2016 at 08:01 AM

AF

“ My deepest condolences to Rob's family, friends, colleagues and former students. Rob was a classmate of mine at NCSA. He was always hard-working, friendly and a fabulous musician. He had a delightful sense of humor and many friends. It was wonderful to reconnect with him via Facebook later in our lives. He was a great guy, patient and caring. We performed many concerts together in the woodwind section, he on clarinet and I on oboe or English horn at school and in the Winston Salem Symphony. We were even in the same Woodwind Quintet with Mark Popkin as our coach. He and his teacher Bob Listokin are catching up and playing duets now. So sorry for your loss, live life to the fullest. One love 🍷🍷🍷🎵🎵🎵

Anna Fisher aka Nancy Fish - October 17, 2016 at 04:39 AM



Deborah Cardona

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your profound loss. Rob and I attended NCSA together and shared many memories as students of the late great Bob Listokin. I'm sure the two have already played some duets and laughs together. I will never forget how beautiful and twinkly blue his eyes were..... his even tempered spirit and love of music and life would always put people around him in a better mood. I know you will be missed. Rest in Peace.

Deborah Cardona - October 16, 2016 at 10:19 PM



LG

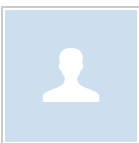
“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Culbreth, but my children had him for a short time last year at Landmark. They said he was AWESOME. I thought you'd want to know. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Laurie Griffith - October 16, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Robert since his younger days of growing up on Robinhood Dr in Albany, Ga. He was a great guy, a good friend and will be missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Williams - October 16, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.



October 16, 2016 at 04:07 PM

SF

“ *Susan Fuller lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Culbreth*



susan fuller - October 16, 2016 at 03:09 PM

SF

*So sorry for your loss. Prayers are lifted for all the family. Our families grew up together. May you rest in peace.
From Ed, Susan and Jennifer Fuller Joyce Richter Fred Richter.*

susan fuller - October 16, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing; I had known him for many years from high school; may he rest in peace ~ prayers of comfort for his family and loved ones*


John Bullock - October 16, 2016 at 02:31 PM

BD

“ Dear Staci, Hannah, and Sarah...My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Bob was amazing with his middle school band students. I learned this first hand when I was privileged to chaperone one of his band trips to Florida. You could see how much he loved those students and they admired him right back. He was just as full of energy on the trip home as he had been on the trip there. I don't know how he did it as I was zonked! While Bob touched many lives through his music and teaching, I'm sure what he was most proud of in his life was his family. Please know your Arbor Springs Elementary family loves you. Hugs to all of you....Buddy and Princess, too!

Love, Bobbi Deling

Bobbi Deling - October 16, 2016 at 09:55 AM

 Reney Wycuff

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. As one of his former band students, he had a huge part of my young life. He was a wonderful man and I'm sure Heaven will be even sweeter with this awesome man leading a band or orchestra up there! Prayers and love to all.



Reney Wycuff - October 16, 2016 at 06:56 AM

TU

“ Because we were so close in age and shared a love of music, I enjoyed getting to know Rob and having him share his talent with us in the MSO. I've admired his love for his family, and I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he's in the place of the blessed, making great music. I'll keep all of you in my prayers.

Tom Underwood - October 15, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.*



October 15, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ *Staci, Hannah, and Sarah, Mariah has kept me updated on Robert's condition regularly, and I want you to know I am praying for Jesus to fill you with comfort, peace, strength, and wisdom. Ms. Donna and Lee, I am praying for you, too. I know the last few weeks have been especially difficult. I am praying for your comfort and strength as well. I love your family!*

Kimberly (Johnson) Hart - October 15, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *My second family; Staci, Bob the clarinet player, Hannah(glamtwin), and my little sister Sarah. All of you welcomed me into your life as if I was your long lost clarinet son, and I am forever grateful. Bob the clarinet player was like a musical father to me; I will always remember coming over and him and I would discuss reeds,mouthpieces, clarinets, and music. He was so knowledgeable, so passionate, and he just loved life and everyone that was involved in his life. I will miss him, and his legacy will live on through everyone's life that he came in contact with. I love you all, and I will be praying for your family.*

John Harden - October 15, 2016 at 10:09 PM

LC

“ *What a wonderful man he was. He came into Landmark and made musicians out of our beginner 6th grade band students at Landmark! Such a kind and giving soul. It was clear he loved teaching and his students!*

Lynn Chavez - October 15, 2016 at 09:19 PM

EF

“ *Dear Culbreth Family,
I'm Emery Faircloth, and I am in 8th grade. Mr. Culbreth was my band teacher in 6th grade, and he was an excellent one at that. He's the one who got me started in my music career, and I couldn't be more appreciative. He was always so happy and positive and he was an amazing man. We all love him, and we will all miss him. ❤️*

Emery Faircloth - October 15, 2016 at 08:30 PM

LA

“ *Staci, Hannah and Sarah,
We are so sorry hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Lisa, Chuck, Erica and Jeff Anstey

Lisa Anstey - October 15, 2016 at 08:22 PM

RT

“ *Ralph, Sherry, Rick & Amy, Randy & Deb, Terri & Tom purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert Lewis Culbreth.*



Ralph, Sherry, Rick & Amy, Randy & Deb, Terri & Tom -
October 15, 2016 at 07:14 PM

JH

“ Stacy, Hannah and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris, Jennifer, Madison & Jacob Harmon

Jennifer Harmon - October 15, 2016 at 06:43 PM

CG

I think of all the lives Bob touched as a husband, father, teacher, and friend. It is human nature for me to hate the fact that he had so little time to enjoy his retirement from the difficult job of teaching middle school. But I spoke to him once after he found out he was sick, and he had the most wonderful attitude. He mentioned in a very matter-of-fact way the he was saved. Of all the wonderful things he did, this is his greatest gift to his family and those of us who loved him - that we can truly feel relaxed and thankful about his relationship with God. Thank you, Bob. God bless your tremendous family. Chuck G

Chuck Grovenstein - October 15, 2016 at 07:20 PM

 Renee Proctor

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Renee and Sadie Proctor

Renee Proctor - October 15, 2016 at 09:00 PM

EF

We will miss Bob so much. Such a wonderful teacher, musician, and friend. Just the other day, I ran across some sheet music in my church orchestra folder that he had us play a few years ago and thought of him. Much love and prayers for your family!

Erin and Adam Fenton

Erin Fenton - October 15, 2016 at 09:27 PM

BI

I am so sorry to read about Bob's passing and will always remember the time we spent teaching at Evans Middle School and having discussions in the hall. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

*Bob Innocenti
EMS faculty (retired)
Ocala, FL*

Bob Innocenti - October 15, 2016 at 10:04 PM



Mr. Culbreth was not only a teacher but a mentor to his students. I will always remember his positive attitude and always encouraging his students. He is one of the very few teachers that I remember from my children's school years. He will be truly missed but he has left a legacy through many many band members.

*Michelle Cook
Band parent from Evans Middle School*

Michelle Cook - October 15, 2016 at 10:12 PM



Dear Stacy, Hannah, and Sarah,

I was shocked to read about Bob's passing this morning. My sincere condolences, and your family will be remembered in prayer. Wishing peace to you all.

Ron Wirt

Ronald Wirt - October 16, 2016 at 06:33 AM



*Dear Staci, Sarah and Hannah,
Our deepest condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, family, friends and the many lives Bob has touched.*

*With love,
Bryon, Laura, Megan and Julia Null*

Laura Null - October 16, 2016 at 01:28 PM