



Robert Edward Lee

February 2, 1927 - April 23, 2012

Dr. Robert Lee, 85, of Newnan died Monday, April 23, 2012, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born February 2, 1927, in Butler County, AL to the late Jasper Hubert Lee & Beulah Baldwin Lee. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Ethel Stringfellow, Stella Waters, Inez Davis, Lela Bolling, Clarence Lee, and George Lee. Dr. Lee enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served two years. After being discharged, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 from Troy State Teachers College and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1955. He later attended Colorado State College earning a Doctor of Education in 1968.

Dr. Lee began his long and illustrious career in education as a teacher and basketball coach at Hacoda Jr. High in Hacoda, AL. Within a short time, he became principal. To meet the financial needs of a growing family, he later moved to Geneva County to become principal of Coffee Springs High School. His next move was to Bayou la Batre, AL as principal of Alba High School. In 1962, Dr. Lee moved to Austell, GA to become principal of South Cobb High School. A few years later, he was promoted to Director of Curriculum of the Cobb County Schools. In 1969, he moved to Newnan, GA and became Superintendent of the Coweta County School System where he worked until he retired in 1989. Some of the highlights of his career include the combining of the Newnan city schools with the county school system, the integration of the schools, the implementation of a junior high school program, the inclusion of women in administrative positions, and the expansion of special education services. His fervent desire was to be remembered as someone who cared about students, cared about teachers, and cared about the community.

The funeral is Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Newnan First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Parrish & Dr. Med Roach officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The visitation is Friday evening between 6:00-8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include wife Ruth Rakes Lee; sons, Gregory Robert Lee of Newnan and David

Rakes Lee of Sharpsburg; sister, Hedy Vidano of Ramona, CA; two grandchildren, Amanda Ostrosky and Christopher Lee of Dawsonville, GA; nieces and nephews.
McKoon Funeral Home (770)253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

ON

“ I like the AJAX format beettr, but the classic Joomla one is not bad. Yeah. We just reinvented the wheel. If users doesnt like it, we will revert it to default Joomla layout. The controls need to be more nicely organized for people who are not familiar with managing lists and spreadsheets. They are being worked upon. This is only an Alpha Testing site. The action of “Add a New Obituary” needs a really prominent button, and more instructive text with hover text instructions would be good too. Agreed. These will be made to look beettr once the major functionality is completed. Do you plan to make front end management of obituaries available to Joomla 1.5 as well, or just 2.5? I need this ability for a client’s site. Yes, we will have all these features for all the current Joomla versions viz. Joomla 1.5, Joomla 1.7 and Joomla 2.5.

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MC

“ Sending my deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mary Scott Cunningham - April 27, 2012 at 06:15 PM

DJ

“ Ruth and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Dr Lee's death. He had a good and helpful life, He was a super person and admired by many. When you saw him he was smiling and talked in his low but commanding voice. God needed him in Heaven to help him and for Dr. Lee to be well. We are still pretty much home bound, but Mildred is getting better. If we can help in any way please let us know. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - April 27, 2012 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ May Dr. Lee rest in peace and may the Lord's grace be with you all. Dr. Lee was so kind and helpful when our three children were passing through the Coweta County schools. We are forever grateful.

Mr and Mrs. Bil Fowler - April 26, 2012 at 04:02 PM

RB

“ My prayers are with you all. I am Clarence Lee's daughter, and Robert went out of his way to talk to me each time we met. I wish I had gotten to know him better. My dad tells me stories of the two of them when they were boys. Rest In Peace.

Regina Lee Barron - April 26, 2012 at 02:01 PM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert's entire family. I pray for strength for all of you during this very sad time.

Clarence Reginald Lee - April 26, 2012 at 01:51 PM

AM

“ The legacy of life devoted to learning and loving others is evident throughout your family. In this time of the loss of one who was such a teacher of these qualities, I hope you find comfort and peace in faith and in the goodness of a life well lived.

Amy & Joel Miller - April 26, 2012 at 07:57 AM

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Amy & Joel Miller - April 26, 2012 at 07:57 AM

EH

“ Dear Ruth, Greg, and David. Please accept my condolences and those from my family. I have fond memories of our times together. Emil

Emil Hansen - April 25, 2012 at 07:36 PM

RP

“ Ruth, Greg, and David, it is our prayer that God grants you peace and comfort during this time of grief. We always enjoyed seeing Dr. Lee at the gym when he was able to come. This community will miss him. God Bless All of You, Ray and Gerrie

Ray and Gerrie Petty - April 25, 2012 at 04:59 PM

MS

“ "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4 Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Matthew and Jessica Shuman - April 25, 2012 at 02:49 PM

MF

“ As you go through life's greatest sorrow-the loss of someone you love-may your own faith in God sustain you...bringing you comfort today, courage for tomorrow, and hope in your heart. I'll be praying for you as you go through this journey. John 14:1-4

Mary Friday - April 25, 2012 at 01:42 PM

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Mary Friday - April 25, 2012 at 01:41 PM

FF

“ Dr. Lee was a great man. He helped lead our school system through the most difficult of times. We are all better off because of his efforts and vision. His family can be proud of his accomplishments and the whole community should be grateful. My prayers are with the family. Sincerely, Frank M. Farmer

Frank Farmer - April 25, 2012 at 12:13 PM

NC

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family during this time. May God bless you all.

Nick Crowder - April 25, 2012 at 11:17 AM

SK

“ Your legacy of hard work, compassion, and love for your family has been left through your darling granddaughter, Amanda. Thank you for instilling all your amazing qualities in her. My best to the family.

Suzanne Korngold - April 25, 2012 at 11:09 AM

TB

“ Prayers of peace and comfort are being lifted up for you during this difficult time.

Taylor and Shayla Brawner - April 25, 2012 at 10:47 AM

BP

“ You are in my prayers. Dr. Lee was a very important part of my school years and he did so much for the Coweta County Schools during his tenure. He will be missed. Beth

Beth Spradlin Pitts - April 25, 2012 at 08:52 AM

PS

“ Dr. Lee was such an inspiration to me. I am very thankful for the impact he had upon my life. I send my condolences to the entire Lee family. God bless you all.

Philip Swords - April 25, 2012 at 01:31 AM

JU

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We thought very highly of Dr. Lee. I remember him taking me over to the University of Alabama for a tour my junior year of high school. That really meant a great deal to me. Take care and cherish the memories! JoAnne McKnight Underwood, Bill, Mallory and Will Underwood

JoAnne Underwood - April 24, 2012 at 08:56 PM

RG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for you during this difficult time.

Regenia (Hamby) Guariglia - April 24, 2012 at 08:30 PM