



## Rodney Veeley VanPatten

March 4, 2021

Rodney Veeley VanPatten was born in Opelika, Alabama, on September 22, 1942, the son of Belle and Wilton Veeley (Bill) VanPatten. He moved with his parents to Newnan in the late 1950s and graduated from Newnan High in 1960. Rodney attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, and graduated from Georgia State University. On December 29, 1964, he married Nan Shell VanPatten, also of Newnan, at First Baptist Church. After they married, they moved to Atlanta, where they lived for 35 years.

Rodney began his career at Georgia Power and Southern Company and then became self-employed, working with Central Electric in South Carolina for over twenty-five years. Nan and Rodney moved back to Newnan in the early 2000s.

Rodney was a life-long fan of golf, working to perfect his game on the Newnan Country Club course whenever he had a free morning or afternoon. His friends and family remember his love of the game and dedication to finding his swing.

Rodney is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nan, along with their daughter, Seay VanPatten Poulakos (and husband Jim Poulakos) and granddaughters, Mary Patten and Rees of Newnan; son, Vee VanPatten (and wife Emmie VanPatten) of Newnan; brother-in-law, Rhodes Shell of Newnan; niece, Blake Shell of Portland, Oregon; and niece, Katherine Shell (and husband Billy Hughes) of Washington, DC.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263 or simply text CBCGIVES to 73256 and follow the instructions.

Family and friends will be gathering graveside at Oak Hill Cemetery on Sunday, March 7th at 2 pm. All are welcome, but given the unusual times, the family understands those who will be remembering Rodney from afar. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery  
96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 07, 2021 at 05:56 PM

JP

“ *Nan and family:  
Our deepest sympathy. May the Lord be your rock during this time.  
Praying for you.*

*Janet Gillespie Pierce, Beta Omega*

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**Janet G Pierce** - March 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM

MT

“ *Sending lots of love and prayers your way!*

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**Merry Todd** - March 06, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with  
all of you.*

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**Maryann Shelnut** - March 06, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ *Billy and Judy Rogers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rodney Veeley VanPatten.*



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**Billy and Judy Rogers** - March 06, 2021 at 08:24 AM

BM

“ *We will forever remember our travel buddy! RIP!*

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**Beverly and Rusty Miller** - March 05, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Veeley VanPatten.*



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March 05, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JH

“ *Dear Seay,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time at the loss of your father. May you find comfort as only the Lord can give.*

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**Joan Smith Hanson** - March 05, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JH

“ *Dear Seay  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of  
you father. May the Lord comfort all of you at this difficult time.  
Sincerely, Joan Smith Hanson*

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**Joan Smith Hanson** - March 05, 2021 at 05:55 PM

LA

“ *Went to high school with Rodney and Nan. Rodney was a light in  
our graduation class. Nice, good looking guy liked by all  
My condolences to Nan and family. Prayers for all of you.*

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**LaVern West brook Anderson** - March 05, 2021 at 05:12 PM