



Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester

December 27, 1939 - March 19, 2016

Mr. Shellie Eugene Chester

Gene Chester, 76, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016 surrounded by his family at his home in Newnan. He was born December 27, 1939 in Statesboro, GA to the late Eulie Chester & Mildred Ellis Chester. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Don Chester.

Gene grew up in Statesboro, GA and was a 1958 graduate of Portal High School. He moved to Newnan, GA in 1964 and worked for Sears & Roebuck for several years before opening his own New York Life Insurance Agency. After retiring from the insurance business, he found great peace and fulfillment in starting his own cattle farm. Chester Farms had over 200 head of cattle he diligently cared for.

Gene was a man of tremendous faith who was devoted to his Lord and his church. His life revolved around his faith, his family, and his cattle. He was an active, longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Newnan where he served as an usher and was a member of the Joshua Sunday School Class.

The funeral is Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 11 o'clock in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Emeott, Rev. Doug Bearden, & Dr. Jimmy Patterson officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The

visitation is Monday evening between 6:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 15 West Washington St, Newnan, GA 30263. The family would like to thank Mr. Chester's sisters-in-law who served as caregivers, Judy Spinks & Carolyn Boggs, Dr. Jimmy Smith and his team of nurses, and Gentiva Hospice. The pallbearers are Joel Chester, Ches Chester, David Scott Chester, Jacob Chester, Josh Thompson, James Thompson, John Thompson, Rick Silver, Russ Silver.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include wife of 50 years, Patricia Spinks Chester; children, Chet (Lisa) Chester, Jon Eric Chester, Scott (Ms. Michael Barnes) Chester, Amy (Richard) Chester Thompson; siblings, Adrian (Gwen) Chester, Pat Morris, Sue Silver; grandchildren, Kayle Chester, Pate Chester, Ches Chester, Emily Chester, David Scott Chester, Jacob Chester, Joel Chester, Josh Thompson, James Thompson, John Chester Thompson; great-grandchildren, Emma Kate Thompson, Jace Richard Thompson; special nephew, Russ Silver; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
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Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 21, 2016 at 08:29 AM

RW

*Mrs. Chester family and friends.
I tell you this has made me cry and opened up my heart to a great hope in Christ that when God calls me home that I will meet Gene and see my mama again in perfect health.
what a blessing he must have been to his family and friends . I could feel the love in this
Memorial tribute as I share with you in your heartfelt lose. Please drop me a line via e-mail , I would be so honored to get to know more about Gene and his wonderful family.
My e- mail is snowballstar52@hotmail.com and my cell number is 912-536-3329
Thank you all for sharing . Robert White*

Robert A White - March 27, 2016 at 04:08 AM

RW

“ Dear Family, Very sorry to hear of Genes passing .Gene and i where cousins on his mothers side . We lost contact as Gene moved many years ago and started his family and business. Although I was a few years younger then Gene my mother would always have a nice smile on her face when his name came to a conversation about family.
My sincere condolences to the Chester family.

Robert A. White
oldest son of Sara Helen Ellis Hayslip
Statesboro Georgia.

Robert A White - March 27, 2016 at 03:38 AM



“ Rest in Peace Uncle Gene. I always enjoyed your visits with the family down in Florida, as well as visiting and exploring your place up in Georgia. You were a true gentleman and family man who will me missed-- Jason Miracle & Family

Jason Miracle - March 22, 2016 at 07:42 AM

VK

“ Amy,

Glenn and I are so sorry to hear about your dad. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. You and your family are in our prayers.

Love,
Glenn and Vicki Kenobbie

Vicki Kenobbie - March 22, 2016 at 06:36 AM

VD

“ Pat and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Gene passing. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. He was definitely one of a kind and cared for by all who knew him. Virginia Dyer

Virginia Dyer - March 21, 2016 at 09:54 PM

ED

“ There was always a smile and a nice big hug when Gene was around. Always enjoyed hearing about him talk about antique cars and his restored Corvair. Gene was a caring, good "gentle-man" as you could tell by the way he talked about his sweet wife, Pat, his family and even his cattle, including "Big Red" -- the care he took with birthing baby cows and how his eye would water up sometimes when he would talk about selling livestock. All these things made him so very precious to both me and to Bob. He was a wonderful friend to us over the years. We love you, Pat! We look forward to seeing Gene along with the Good Shepherd one day. --Elaine and Bob Dalton

Elaine & Bob Dalton - March 21, 2016 at 09:26 PM

EF

“ I am so sorry not to be able to attend services for Gene. I rarely get out at night and I have a doctor's appt. tomorrow, but I wanted you to know how special I thought he was and I know how much fellowship Bernie enjoyed with him, too. He was always so courteous to me, kind and welcoming. A great usher for FBC...a servant and well thought of. I shall miss him as I have while he's been sick. Love to you all...Ellie

Ellie Farrington - March 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM

WM

“Gene's presence in the church on Sunday mornings is going to be greatly missed. All of the ushers are wonderful but there was just a gentleness about his smile and handshake that will never be replaced. Although soft-spoken, he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ and would share without hesitation that Jesus was the way to eternal life. I have witnessed him sharing the plan of salvation with someone and it was then that I realized just how much of a gentle warrior he was for the Kingdom of God.

Gene Chester's physical presence may no longer be with us in the worship services at FBC Newnan but his spiritual legacy will continue to shape and encourage each of us who knew him while he walked among us! Prayers go out to the family during these difficult days but may you find the peace that passes all understanding in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ knowing that he is now sitting at the feet of his Lord whom he loved and so faithfully served hearing these words... "Well done thy good and faithful servant!"

"For in ALL these things we are overwhelmingly victorious through Christ Jesus who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!" Romans 8:37-39

Warren Moore

Warren Moore - March 21, 2016 at 02:56 PM

BH

“ To: Pat and Family,
Nell and I want to express Our Deepest Sympathy in your loss of Gene. We will miss his quick wit, kindness and the Friendship he extended to so..... Many of us.
With Much Love,
Brad & Nell Hyatt

Brad & Nell Hyatt - March 21, 2016 at 10:59 AM

BH

“ Brad & Nell Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester



Brad & Nell Hyatt - March 21, 2016 at 10:51 AM

NN

“ Pat,
My family and I were so sorry to hear about Gene. Please know that you and your family have our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Ferrell Neal - March 21, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." was purchased for the family of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester.



March 21, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester.



March 21, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Gene. He was a good man. My prayers are with all the family during this difficult time. Frank M. Farmer

FRANK FARMER - March 21, 2016 at 08:56 AM



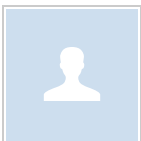
“ You are all in our prayers and thoughts.

Tom and Kim Schmitz - March 21, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - March 20, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester.



March 20, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shellie "Gene" Eugene Chester.*



March 20, 2016 at 06:24 PM



“ *Gene was a very kind gentleman. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone. It was a pleasure and honor to serve as an usher with him at First Baptist Church.*

Keith Moore

keith moore - March 20, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *Pat and family, I am so sorry to here about Gene passing. I have great memories from Mills Chapel Church when we had young children. He was such a sweet and kindhearted man. May God be near you in the coming days. Love to all, Shirley Ivey Thompson.*

Shirley Thompson - March 20, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Gene's death. Such a sweet man, always greeting with a warm smile. I pray that all your wonderful memories will give you strength for the days ahead. Judi Worth*

Judi Worth - March 20, 2016 at 05:15 PM

DS

“ *Dear Patricia and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Gene's death. We considered him a
Friend for many years. He was our Insurance Man. He was always
friendly to everyone he met. He will be missed by many.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during
this very difficult time.
God loves you and we do too,
Mildred and Donjones*

Don and Mildred Jones Sr. - March 20, 2016 at 03:23 PM