



Stuart A. Kersey, Jr,

December 12, 1927 - February 16, 2025

Reverend Stuart Ashby Kersey, Jr., 97 of Senoia, Georgia, and formerly of Gaffney, SC, passed away Sunday, February 16, at Fayetteville Center for Nursing and Healing. He was born December 12, 1927 in Richmond, VA to the late Alene C. Clarke and Stuart A. Kersey, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Jean Coons Kersey.

Stuart grew up in Richmond VA with 3 brothers and 2 Sisters. He graduated from John Marshall High School and went to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR where he played football. After college he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY where he completed his training as a pastor. He was a weekend pastor at many churches when he was a student during which time he met his wife while preaching in Austin IN.

He served in Lawrenceville, VA, Orange VA, Adelphi MD and retired as pastor of Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church Gaffney SC. After his retirement, he served as interim pastor at several churches in Gaffney.

He was a past president of Gaffney Rotary and was a member of the Newnan chapter. In 1993, he was given the Order of the Palmetto in SC.

After his wife's death in 2015, he moved to Senoia GA next to his son's farm and drove his golf cart down each night for dinner while he was able. He

joined Central Baptist Church in Newnan and sang in the choir while he could and enjoyed the services there.

The memorial service is Sunday, February 24, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Central Baptist Church in Newnan with Rev. Matt Sapp officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Austin IN. The family will receive friends on Sunday beginning at 1:30 PM at the church.

Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Building Fund at Central Baptist Church 14 Broad Street Newnan GA 30263.

Condolences can be expressed online at McKoon Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son, Stuart "Bo" H Kersey and his husband James D Gladney of Senoia GA and his daughter Ruth Nanette Kersey Richardson of Walhalla SC; sister, Jacquelyn Smith of Richmond VA and brother Donald Kersey also of Richmond VA. Grandchildren, Anna Richardson Preza and her husband Bladimir of Central, SC, Stephanie Richardson Kelly and her husband Jeff of Walhalla SC, and Stuart Andrew Richardson and his wife Savannah also of Wallhalla, SC. Greatgrandchildren, Emily Tubik, Allison Tubik of Walhalla, SC, Brooklyn Preza and Bladimir Preza, of Central SC. Tyler Richardson and his wife Kymberlie of Walhalla SC. Great-great grandchildren, Silas Richardson of Walhalla SC and Jaxon Richardson also of Walhalla SC.

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221
Newnan, GA 30264

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *I loved his preaching when I was a teenager as Mom and I felt wonderful after his services at Cherokee Ave. Baptist.*

Angela Mullis - February 24, 2025 at 11:31 PM

JO

“ *So very sorry for your loss. He was such a special man and friend to us. He married us in 2003. May God surround you with His love, peace and comfort.*

Jimmy and Judy Owens - February 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AN

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Sending much love and prayers. Michael, Angela and the Entire Staff at Rider Pest Control*

Angela - February 21, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DK

“ *Bo and Nanette and your families: I am sorry for your loss, which in some small way is my loss, too, as your cousin. Your father was always kind to me and my parents and sisters when we were growing up and repeatedly opened his home (your home too - thanks for tolerating the invasion!) for our visits. Trips to Gaffney, in particular, seemed like another going to another world to my childhood self, and I have good memories of visiting you all in Roanoke and Maryland as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. David Kersey (son of Jerry Kersey)*



David Kersey (son of Jerry Kersey) - February 21, 2025 at 09:04 AM

DK

The 4 Kersey boys in their prime.

David Kersey (son of Jerry Kersey) - February 21, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Rev. Kersey was My Favorite Preacher. His preaching brought me to tears many times. I will miss this dear man who was part of my childhood and beyond. Love and prayers to all the Kersey family.*

Connie Biser - February 21, 2025 at 12:42 AM

MS

“ *Nanette and Bo, I am heartbroken for you, your families and all who knew and loved Rev. Kersey. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. Prayers for peace and comfort as you face the days ahead.*

Martha Blackwood Shaw - February 20, 2025 at 09:10 PM

VS

“ *Bo, Nanette, and the entire family. Sincerest condolences in your loss. Your dad meant so much to me and my family over the years since moving to Gaffney. I consider myself blessed to have know him and it was and is an honor to call him my Preacher. Peace be with you all.*

Vernon Sanders - February 20, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ *Stuart Kersey was my preacher at Cherokee Ave Baptist Church in Gaffney for many years. He was one of the best. Love and miss you. ❤️*

Margaret Bishop - February 20, 2025 at 03:44 PM