



## Tank T. Helton

April 9, 1954 - December 21, 2023

Terry "Tank" Helton age 69 of Newnan Georgia passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Born April 9, 1954. Tank was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. To Know Tank was to love him. He always had a smile and a helping hand. Tank touched the lives of so many and we are all better for having known him.

He was married to the love of his life Jenny Sue Cook Helton for 50 years. They had two children, Taylor Helton and Katie Hudson. Tank's pride and joy were his grandkids, Tuff, EllisAnn, and Tripp Hudson.

Tank was always proud to be a Western School Alumni. He worked at the Hood Station, Coweta Diaries, and Cooks Sanitation for many years before starting his career at the Coweta County Prison as a correctional officer. He then transferred to the road department where he was lovingly known as the road expert claiming to know exactly where every road in Coweta County is. He retired after 28 years and had achieved the status of Captain. After his retirement his next adventure in life was his most loved one yet, becoming a grandfather. His grandkids gave him the name Pink.

Tank enjoyed gardening and raising chickens. Sharing his produce and eggs with everyone he met brought him great joy. He was an avid rabbit hunter and thought it was important to teach younger generations. Tank wanted to be

remembered as a great father and grandfather but most of Coweta will remember him as "The Legend"

Tank is survived by his wife Jenny Sue Cook, children Taylor (Jill) Helton, and Katie (Jason) Hudson grandchildren Tuff, EllisAnn, and Tripp Hudson, brothers Jerry Lee (Renatha) Helton, Eddie Helton, Ted (Glenda) Helton, Johnny (Beverly) Helton. His mother-in-Law Libby Cook. His brother-in-law and sister-in-law are Johnny (Sonya) Cook, Alison (Travis) Herring, Matt (Jennifer) Cook, and Tracy Shoemake. Aunts Virginia Smith, Annette Coggin, and Uncle Randolph Taylor, his extended family Kyle, Lindsey, Walker, Mason, and Mikalee Gillespie, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who adored their Uncle Tank / Pink and played a big part in his life. He is preceded in death by his mother Shirley Taylor Helton, Grandparents Bill and Ruth Taylor, Brother Tennis Helton Nephew Bruce Helton, Father-in-law Ellis Cook, and sister-in-law Jo Cook Bolton.

Flowers are appreciated but if you would like to do something in Tank's memory, Live your life to the fullest, be kind to a stranger, give a smile, tip the person at the drive-through window, help a friend, plant a garden, share your crops, and let your family know you love them every day. This is how Tank lived his everyday life.

His family would like to extend a great appreciation to Dr. Pitts and West Georgia Medical Center. The doctors, nurses, and other staff members have been amazing. Their treatment and care for our family has been the best.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street in Newnan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

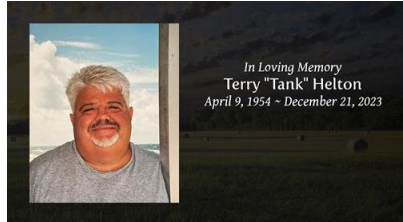
DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Tank T. Helton*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - January 17, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LW

*Gone but not forgotten Tank you was just like your daddy Edward Helton love ya*

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**Linda Wedding** - November 25, 2024 at 06:58 PM

RM

“ *Jenny, I'm so sorry to hear about Tank. I was always in admiration of your long and loving relationship. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. My phone number is 678-850-8755.---Rita Griffies McAfee*

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**Rita Griffies McAfee** - December 27, 2023 at 04:07 AM

JH

*Thanks Rita. He was an amazing man.*

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**Jenny Helton** - December 29, 2023 at 10:24 PM

PM

“ *We are very sorry for your loss.*

*Penny and Dana*



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**Penny McClain** - December 26, 2023 at 03:44 PM

CR

“ *Jenny, I am very sorry for your loss. He will always be Papa Tank in my heart.*



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**Crystal Robins** - December 26, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ I am your neighbor, Joe Butcher, and Tank and I have had several meaningful conversations on his trip down Midway Road picking up trash and talking to folks. I am truly sorry to hear about Tank, and like probably hundreds of people, will miss his smiling face and good neighborly conversation. I cannot make it to the visitation due to a recent bout with the flu, but I do want to share my good thoughts of Tank and his stories and memories. Tank and I retired from law enforcement (me, with the Atlanta Police Department) and spend many a day coming up with solutions to this world's problems and I am glad to say I enjoyed Tank's wisdom and good humor in all matters. Tell everyone in the Helton Family we miss Tank, and we are right down the road if you ever need any help. Thanks for sharing your Tank with the world and the only good thing about his passing is his new glorified body and lack of pain for eternity. Thanks, Y'all!  
Joe and Sue Butcher  
100 Midway Road

W-j Butcher - December 26, 2023 at 11:39 AM

JH

*This means so much to me. Thank you*

Jenny Helton - December 29, 2023 at 10:30 PM

TW

“ Friends with Tank for many years. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Tim Wilson - December 26, 2023 at 10:14 AM

KB

“ Kenneth Bright lit a candle in memory of Tank T. Helton



Kenneth Bright - December 25, 2023 at 11:23 AM

HO

“ Houston lit a candle in memory of Tank T. Helton



Houston - December 24, 2023 at 09:58 PM

MF

“ To Taylor and Jill sorry for loss of your father and father-in-law sending my condolences to the family Mrs Flo



Mrs Flo - December 24, 2023 at 08:34 AM

RB

“ Jenny, I'm praying for you and your family. Tank was truly a gold star among men. May God keep you wrapped in His protective arms. Love and hugs 💜



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - December 23, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tank T. Helton.*



December 23, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Charlie And Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Tank T. Helton*



**Charlie and Pam Brown** - December 23, 2023 at 06:04 AM



*Jenny,*

*We are praying for you and your family. Tank was a very special man and was well loved by many people.*

**Charlie and Pam Brown** - December 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Praying for all of you. Tank was a special man.*



**Donna Rainey** - December 22, 2023 at 10:55 PM

CS

“ Praying for you all 💔



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**Connie Stamper** - December 22, 2023 at 06:55 PM

JM

“ Joy Morgan lit a candle in memory of Tank T. Helton



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**Joy Morgan** - December 22, 2023 at 06:26 PM

BP

“ Bubba And Renee Proctor lit a candle in memory of Tank T. Helton



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**Bubba and Renee Proctor** - December 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tank T. Helton.



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December 22, 2023 at 05:05 PM

YF

“ Your Extended Family-SERFTF planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tank T. Helton.

Your Extended Family-SERFTF - December 22, 2023 at 05:05 PM

DM

“ When I was 12 my Papa Taylor who was building a dog pen for my rabbit dogs, died suddenly and the pen was left unfinished. We were all shocked and grieving but Tank (14 ) his brothers, Jerry, Tennis and the rest all came over and finished my dog pen because they knew Papa would've wanted it that way. Through the years, some of us have passed away, moved away, live different lives, etc. but the love that my family had for me and that I had for them has never waned people like tank, and his brothers were an example of someone to be looked up to I'll never forget it as long as I live.

Dale McMichael - December 22, 2023 at 05:04 PM

JH

That means so much to me Dale. He loved his cousins and told many stories about your times together ( some believable, some not so much 😊)

Jenny Helton - December 29, 2023 at 10:38 PM

DF

“ Matthew and I really enjoyed everything about tank. From the early morning breakfast at his house before rabbit hunting to just sitting in his shop telling lies at his old house. He was a joy to be around and will definitely be missed

David Fowler - December 22, 2023 at 04:07 PM

VB

“ Tank was a unique man and was always kind and fun of jokes to make people smile. I know my grandson always enjoyed rabbit hunting with him and the dogs. Nothing but sweet memories. Prayers for his family and friend. May God give you peace and comfort now and going forward. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Vickey

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**VICKEY ANN BOYNTON** - December 22, 2023 at 03:42 PM

DO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time! Tank was a sweet man!

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**Debbie Olmstead** - December 22, 2023 at 03:39 PM

MY

“ Our prayers to Jenny, lil'Tank and Family during this time. Tank was a wonderful man and friend. Always a smile on his face and a helping hand. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager

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**Mike&Bev Yeager** - December 22, 2023 at 03:25 PM

CP

“ RIP Tank.  
Have great memories from my childhood of Tank when he and my dad, Joel Proctor worked at Coweta Dairies. Would often go to the dairy after school and hangout with Mr Chick and Tank in the plant part of the dairy.  
Tank was a good man.

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**chris proctor** - December 22, 2023 at 03:19 PM

MB

*Tank was a wonderful man. My Dad Jerry Paradise always enjoyed Tanks company. My deepest sympathy will be with the family.*

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**Marla Paradise Brandenburg** - December 23, 2023 at 10:12 AM