



# Thomas Edward Craft

October 15, 1930 - June 1, 2008

Thomas Edward "Ed" Craft, age 77, passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2008. Mr. Craft was born to the late Charlie Lorene Smith Craft and James Lloyd Craft on October 15, 1930.

He was a graduate from Newnan High School, attended the University of Georgia, and went on to graduate from Georgia State College.

He served two years in the 315th Signal Construction Battalion-US Army in the Korean War. After representing his country, he came home and became an active member in his community, serving as a member of the First United Methodist Church and their Administrative Board, a local Mason, the President of Newnan Civitan Club, Exalted Ruler of the Elks' Lodge, and member of the Board of Directors for the Bank of Coweta.

He proudly took over the dry cleaning business started by his own father. During this time, he was the President of the Dry Cleaners Association of Georgia, and for many years he and Brenda experienced a successful career serving their loyal customers.

His love for politics found him representing Newnan's City Council and also serving as Mayor Pro-tem. He ended a successful working career as Bailiff for the Coweta County Court System.

Mr. Craft had an amazing circle of friends to share in his life. Most recently, he enjoyed the camaraderie of what he referred to as "The West Side Bunch". He was an avid cook and especially enjoyed sharing his talent with both family and friends. From the very beginning, he was the Falcons' number one fan and always looked forward to Sunday football.

He is survived by his wife of fifty three years, Brenda Kempson Craft; children Cindy Hunter, husband Bob; Christy Kelley, husband Jerry; Cathy Duncan, husband Kim; and Jimmy Craft, wife Polly. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jennifer Hambrick-Dunn,

husband Chris; Johnathan Hambrick, Jay Kelley, Katie Kelley, Carley Craft, and Trevor Craft.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 graveside at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan at 10:00 AM with Dr. Med Roach, Rev. Gary Parrish, and Rev. Gary Cunningham officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, Ga 30263 and/or to the Veterans Memorial Plaza, City of Newnan, City Manager's Office P.O. Box 1193. Newnan, Ga 30264-1193.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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## Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
656 Hwy 70  
Newnan, GA 30263