



Walt Thompson

May 15, 1942 - December 26, 2024

Mr. Walter Henderson Thompson, 82, of Newnan passed away Thursday, December 26, 2024. Born on May 15, 1942, he was the only son of the late Buford Henderson Thompson and Elizabeth Blackwell Thompson. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Teri Leigh Thompson.

Walt grew up in Atlanta and graduated from Grady High School in 1960. He then attended Auburn University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Walt also served as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army during Vietnam.

Following his banker father's footsteps, on the Monday after graduating from college, Walt started work with the FDIC, rising to Minneapolis Regional Director. Thirty-two years later, including service in Atlanta, Chicago, and San Francisco, he "retired" only to start his second career. Walt started working with Habitat for Humanity, and continued volunteer work with the United Way and the Newnan Rotary Club. He was a mentor for Madras Middle School, and unable to leave banking behind completely, served on the board of directors of several local banks. In 2014 Walt was nominated as Coweta County Citizen of the Year. He also loved sports and served as a football referee for over twenty years. Walt was also an active member of Newnan First United Methodist Church

Walt is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marjorie Kallestad Thompson of Newnan; his son, Dale Thompson of St. Paul, MN and his wife Susan Snyder; and his grandchildren, Devin Thompson and Joseph Thompson.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 4, 2025 from 5 - 7 pm at McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Newnan First United Methodist Church with Rev. Andrew Chappell and Rev. Conner Bell officiating. A reception will be held in the church fellowship hall following the service.

The burial service will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 11:00 am at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs. Anyone who wishes to join the family is invited to attend.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mt. Vernon Highway NW
Atlanta, GA 30328

Previous Events

Visitation

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

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church
33 Greenville Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Friends and colleagues in the Academy of Legal Studies in Business extend our heartfelt condolences to Dale and his family. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May cherished memories bring you comfort and peace.

Jehan El-Jourbagy - January 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM

JE

“ Jehan E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walt Thompson.

Jehan E. - January 13, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LD

“ Mrs. Marjorie, I am so sorry to hear of Walter's passing! I think of you both often! Love from Linda, RN and Lily

Linda Dobbs - January 08, 2025 at 01:11 PM

GF

“ Good Auburn man friend and golf partner. Great neighbor for many years. Hate his last 10 years or so were so tough. May he rest in peace now. Condolences to all the family members. Glenn Flake

GLENN FLAKE - January 06, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CP

“ *Marjorie and family, Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. He was a true gentleman and we enjoyed you both as a neighbor at Lake Redwine. Bill enjoyed refereeing with him for several years. May he rest in peace.*

Cheryl Peake

Cheryl Peake - January 02, 2025 at 08:25 PM

HN

“ *Harold, Donna, Jerry, Nancy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Walt Thompson.*



Harold, Donna, Jerry, Nancy - January 02, 2025 at 03:33 PM