



## William Harley Morris

May 3, 1923 - April 25, 2013

Mr. William H. Morris, age 89, died April 25, 2013 at his home. A native of Coweta County, he was the youngest of ten children born to Noah Morris, Sr. and Besse Howard Morris. All of his siblings, 4 brothers and 5 sisters, preceded him in death. William was a man of great compassion- not only for his family, but for all he came to know. He was unflinching in his dedication to the God who created him. He was a steadfast presence at his beloved First Christian Church and never passed up an opportunity to be involved in its activities and invite others as well. Of great importance to William was the time he gave to the defense of his country during World War II. He was a tank gunner. His battalion landed on Omaha Beach in 1944 and saw action in five major battles. He saw 299 days of actual combat and was the first to admit that it was only by the grace of God that he was able to return home safely in 1945. After returning from the war he worked ten years for the railroad and later worked for the Coweta County Corrections department. In June of 1955, he became the husband of Virginia Payton. Their married years would be filled children, grandchildren, baseball (lots of that), country music (especially Connie Smith), and tinkering with cars and lawnmowers. William loved life, family and friends. Caring for others came naturally to him and he was a regular blood donor as he donated 23 gallons throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Payton Morris; his children, Dianne (and Greg) Ferrell, Jimmy (and Marsha) Morris and Scott Morris. He was cherished by his grandchildren Kati, Cassie, Claire, Jana (Bo White), and Kristin and great-

granddaughter, Bella. The funeral service will be on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 2:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home with Reverend Clay Henry, Reverend Gary Boyd officiating. A eulogy will be given by Randy Cox. Visitation will be on Saturday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be at Oak Hill Cemetery. Those who may so desire may make memorial contributions in Mr. Morris' name to First Christian Church 8 Elm Street Newnan, GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 27.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

**APR 28.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Mr. Willie was my Daddy's friend (Grover Purgason) Mr. Willie was there in our time of need to support our family. Mr. Willie was a very good man. Our family is so sorry to hear of your loss. Mau God bless you all. It was a joy to know Mr. Willie. Cathy Purgason Adams*

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**Cathy Adams** - April 28, 2013 at 05:59 PM

BB

“ *Ms. Virginia and family. We were saddened to learn of Mr. Bill's passing. He was such a wonderful and kind man. He will be missed, but we will see him again someday. May God touch each of you and give you comfort and peace. Betty Collins Boyt and family*

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**Betty Collins Boyt** - April 28, 2013 at 01:04 PM

LU

“ *Mr Morris, you were always one of the nicest men to me. When I lived there your service to the Lord and to First Christian Church was outstanding. You will be missed but never forgotten. My prayers are with your family always. Celebrate life you, deserve your seat by the throne now., say hello to my Dad and we will all be together soon :) Love ya (A.L.) Lee Underwood*

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**Lee Underwood** - April 27, 2013 at 06:29 PM

GG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I love you dearly and have thought of the both of you often. When May 3 is here, since that was Don's birthday too, I think of William. You are a very special lady who I have had the opportunity to know and love. I really miss you being at Coweta Fayette and wish that all my employees now could have come to know you and William. William was such a sweet man, much like Don. I know you will miss him dearly. Hoping to make it to the serve Sunday. Prayers are with you and the family.

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**Gail Gulley** - April 27, 2013 at 05:11 PM

PC

“ Lon ( L. E.) Morris is my father. I will tell him tomorrow of William's death. We are so sorry for your loss. L. E. is in an assisted living facility near me in an Atlanta suburb and I don't think he will be able to attend even though he would like to. He has always spoken fondly of William and I do remember him from Uncle Doc's home when I was young. My brother, Eddie, passed by your home today and saw many cars so he called me and asked me visit the McKoon's site because he thought William might have passed.

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**Patsy Morris Cordle** - April 27, 2013 at 01:19 AM