



## James Robert McKinnon

August 19, 1932 - August 7, 2021

James Robert McKinnon, Sr., age 88, of Buford, GA passed away Saturday, August 7, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Groover and Sara Maude McKinnon; sister, Anne Sonstroem; brother, Phillip McKinnon; and son, James Robert McKinnon, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Martha McKinnon, Buford, GA; sons, George Andrew (Amanda) McKinnon, Buford, GA, John (Wendy) McKinnon, Acworth, GA; brothers, William Andrew (Ginger) McKinnon, McRae, GA, Henry Mabbet Mathews, Atlanta, GA, James Wallace (Barbara) Mathews, Ashburn, VA; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. McKinnon was born August 19, 1932 in Pidcock, GA. He fondly spoke of his life as a little boy in South Georgia, growing up among pecan trees, quail, deer, dove and ducks. Although he moved to the city for a successful, 34-year career with Sears, he never lost his love for the country, especially its gospel music, pecan trees, animals, fish and rivers.

A faithful and joyful Christian, his love of water began with his baptism and followed the water as a veteran of the U.S. Navy, avid angler, recreational boater, and patron of many, many sprinkler systems for his lawn and Azalea garden.

Isaiah 43:2 writes, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

Although capable of fire, he usually chose to light up a room with his broad grin, deep and easy laugh, and heart with limitless love for his beloved wife, three boys, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as anyone with whom he crossed paths.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Interment will follow at 4 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021 in Grover-Ramsey Cemetery in Dixie, Ga. William Andrew "Bill" McKinnon will preside.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Global Servants, 20 Satellite Dr., Winder, GA 30760. Please indicate on the donation for Thailand, this will indicated the donation goes to House of Grace, a mission that Mr. McKinnon supported.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at [www.flaniganfuneralhome.com](http://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com). Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 6:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

## Interment

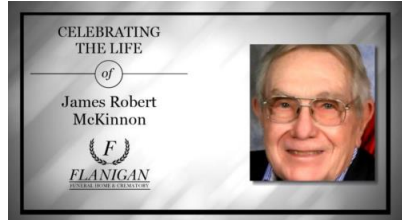
AUG 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

Groover-Ramsey Cemetery  
Dixie, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James Robert McKinnon*



Flanigan Funeral Home - August 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM

LE

*I miss my friend, Jim. It was always great to see that smile every time we were to meet. He told me some years ago that he had written a note in his personal papers to ask me to speak at his celebration of life. I am both honored and humbled to have been able to carry out his request.*

*Jim was a great influence on many lives. I look forward to seeing him on the other side of the river. Thanks so much Jim for your friendship.*

lee ellis - August 13, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *James Robert McKinnon*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM

IL

“ Dearest Wendy, I know loss is hard and it brings such sadness. Take heart because we serve a mighty God who prepares a place for us, just like He did for your dad and your dad is there celebrating and still praising God but this time he is in His actual presence! after all His word tells us this in John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also" So I pray that you and your family will take comfort in knowing how much you ALL are loved by God!



*Love your Sop. sister in Christ Jesus*

*Ivonne*

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**Ivonne Long** - August 13, 2021 at 11:36 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you find peace in the your memories of this fine man. I am praying for your family in this difficult time.



*Sara Meyer*

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**Sara Meyer** - August 11, 2021 at 08:02 AM

DT

“ Jim was such a great person. He will truly be missed.



*Love,*

*Donna Thompson*

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**Donna Thompson** - August 10, 2021 at 04:37 PM