



Harry Lamar Duke Jr

May 8, 1947 - September 10, 2024

Harry Lamar Duke Jr., age 77, of Covington, Georgia, passed away peacefully at his home on September 10, 2024. Born May 8, 1947, in Jacksonville, Florida, Harry was the cherished youngest child of Ida Mae (Miller) Duke and Harry Lamar Duke Sr. He was the beloved brother of Sandra (Duke) Smith of Glassboro, New Jersey, and Julianna Duke of Richmond, Virginia.

Harry's life was a testament to his dedication to his family, community, and his passion for education. As a high school teacher, pastor, and all-around scholar, he inspired and guided so many, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. He was deeply involved in his community, actively contributing in various ways, especially to those in need.

A member of Covington First United Methodist Church, Harry's faith was central to his life. His devotion extended beyond his work; he was known for his sage advice, his love of fishing, and his deep appreciation of history. His presence was a source of wisdom and warmth for all who knew him.

Harry will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to family, education, his generosity, and his gentle loving spirit. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Harry is survived by his three children and their spouses: Harry Lamar Duke III and Jennifer (Lane) Duke, Rebecca (Duke) Donnaud and Brad Donnaud, and Timothy Preston Duke and Valarie (Ward) Duke. He was also a proud grandfather to four grandchildren: Bridgette Luna Donnaud, Piper Rosalie Donnaud, Arthur James Duke, and Cali Preston Duke. Harry also is survived

by two former spouses: Ethel Becker Duke and Donna Price; and one stepchild, Ashley Barnes.

A memorial service to celebrate Harry's life will be held at Scot Ward Funeral Home in Conyers on Saturday, October 5th. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service at noon. A catered reception will be held after the service to continue celebrating his remarkable life with friends and family. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Armer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Lamar Duke Jr.*

The Armer Family - October 01, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ *The Armer Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Harry Lamar Duke Jr.*



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“ *Harry and I went to college together at VCU in Richmond, Virginia. He was active in the BSU and was friends with so many. I remember him with such love, for his caring and kindness. He loved history, and we enjoyed solving the world's problems in the 60s. A person of deep faith who reflected God's love to all. I send my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Thanks for making the world a better place, dear friend and faithful servant.*

*Sandy Goodman Short
Fort Worth, Texas*

Sandy Goodman Short - September 30, 2024 at 10:49 PM



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Scot Ward Funeral Services - September 29, 2024 at 11:42 AM

MP

“ So many things to remember of Harry. Fishing with him - good humored even when one of my casts hooked his hat! His belief that I could REALLY back up & get that boat into the water - that day! LOL! Scuppernong grapes. His masterpiece subs. Going to find the required sub buns so he would make some more. A trip to underground Atlanta for ice cream. I was not certain what all we would find that I needed to lock up my purse before the decent! Adventures at Ichetucknee Springs State Park. His fondness of radishes! Dad always remembered to have some for him to take home when he & Ethel visited there. His lack of appreciation for my melodious voice. LOL! If Ethel & I wanted to sing awhile, he would leave the house, but all in good humor. In the remembrances, I can't forget the rest of the family at this heavy hearted time. With condolences, and much love, many virtual hugs, Mary Pettit

Mary Pettit - September 21, 2024 at 12:19 AM

SW

“ I just found out today that Harry had passed. I have fond memories of Harry as he welcomed me as a new teacher to Heritage High School. He and fellow teacher, Tim Woodward, welcomed me with open arms and gave me great counsel and encouragement as a new employee of Rockdale County Board of Education and Heritage. We had lunch several times after his retirement and, as with any passing, wished that I had more time now to spend and fellowship with him. We will miss you Harry. May Jesus welcome

Scott White - September 20, 2024 at 07:38 AM

JA

“ On behalf of the class of Pitman High School 1965, we send condolences to his family.

Jack Austin - September 15, 2024 at 09:49 PM

MK

Memories of a time long ago on Brookfield Ave in Pitman NJ with "Big Harry".

mark klayman - September 26, 2024 at 01:54 PM