



Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr.

May 20, 1941 - January 28, 2026

Melvin Christian, age 84, of Conyers, Georgia, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Melvin was preceded in death by his son, Ashley Blaine Christian; his parents, Harvey G. Christian and Sarah Mayfield Christian; his brothers, Mercer Christian and Jack Christian; and his sisters, Alice Underwood and Aileene Simpson.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Elizabeth "Libby" Christian; his children, Bart and Melisa Christian and Barri Speeler; and his cherished grandchildren, Wesley and Dana Christian, Joshua Christian, Thor and Delanie Speeler, Jordan Christian, and Olivia and Gavin Horrmann.

A lifelong resident of Conyers, Melvin was born and raised in the community he proudly called home. He graduated from Rockdale High School in 1959. Melvin had a deep love for sports and was a devoted Georgia Tech fan. He played softball for as long as he was able and later continued his passion for athletics by officiating high school sports, including softball, football, basketball, and baseball. In recognition of his years of dedication and service, Melvin was inducted into the Georgia High School Association Hall of Fame as an official.

In his later years, Melvin greatly enjoyed watching sports on television, often sharing those moments with Libby. Time spent together, especially with family, was among his greatest joys.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 21, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Funeral services and burial will take place on Sunday, February 22, with visitation from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and services at 3:00 PM, followed by burial.

Flowers may be sent to Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, Georgia. Condolences may be submitted online at scotward.com.

Melvin's life was marked by faithfulness, devotion to family, and service to others. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



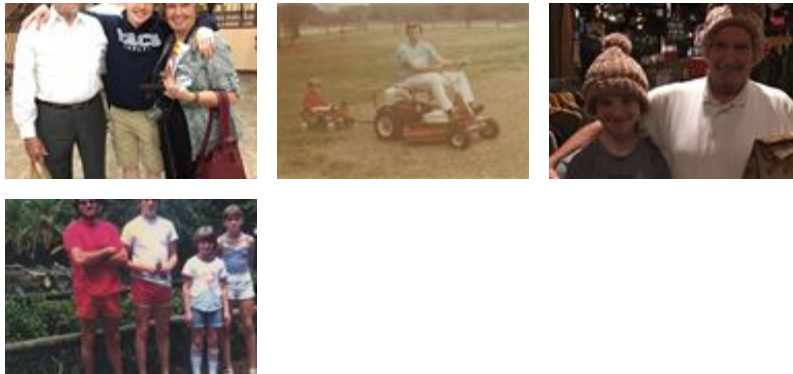
“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr.*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 14 at 01:55 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 22 at 09:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..*



February 21 at 08:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..

February 21 at 08:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..



February 21 at 08:06 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..



February 20 at 12:12 PM



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Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 20 at 08:59 AM

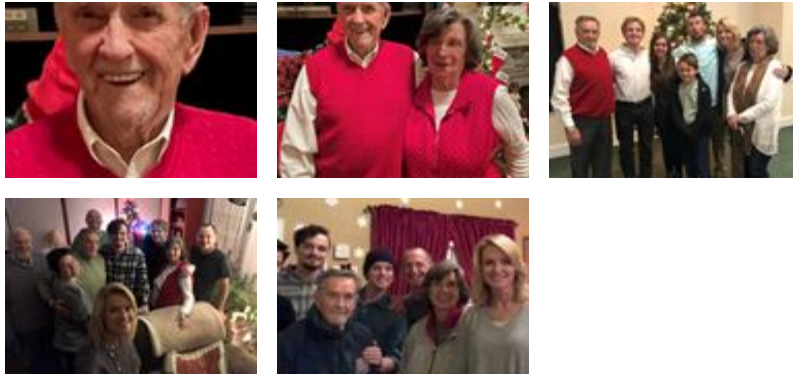
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“ Bonnie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..

Bonnie R. - February 19 at 11:34 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 19 at 02:42 PM

YF

“ Your SFSPac Family! purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr..



Your SFSPac Family! - February 19 at 12:05 PM

PJ

“ *PATSY JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr.*



PATSY JOHNSON - February 12 at 12:24 PM

PJ

Libby and family please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We all loved Melvin very much and so many wonderful memories. We love you, Angie, Brian and Patsy

PATSY JOHNSON - February 12 at 12:29 PM

JK

*Libby
I am so sorry to hear that Melvin passed,,,really loved him very much as we worked together many years!! John Koons informed me of his passing! He will be missed by all who knew him! God bless and protect you!!
Jamesnkirby@msn.com*

Jim Kirby - February 18 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ *Libby, please know that you and your family are always in my prayers. I enjoyed listening to Melvin's wisdom and encouragement. Always positive and dedicated to whatever he did. May God send comfort in this time of need. Jeff*

Jeff Hales - February 10 at 01:23 PM



“ *Bobby Crowe lit a candle in memory of Melvin Bartow Christian, Sr.*



Bobby Crowe - February 10 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mr. Melvin was a wonderful fellow and always a joy to be around. My thoughts are with the family.*
Cindy Rowan

Cindy Rowan - February 09 at 04:15 PM

JF

Libby, Our family did not know Melvin for as long as we wish we could, but he was a bright light of love, hope and laughter. We have no doubt the places he traveled in life were always left better for having known him. Our prayers are with you and your family, and that you also find peace knowing his was a life beautifully lived.

Julie Flood - February 11 at 10:26 PM

EC

Thank you, Julie. I will love and miss Melvin forever. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Melvin was happy to know you and John and he was so happy that Jordan and Megan had found each other. Melvin was one of a kind. He loved his family and always put us first, but he loved his friends deeply and he would quickly tell anyone that friends were important and had to be cared for and loved.

Elizabeth M Christian - February 19 at 12:52 AM