



Jerry L. Durden

November 13, 1943 - January 3, 2026

DURDEN – Jerry L. Durden, age 82 of Loganville, GA, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Corinth Christian Church, 1635 Highway 81, Loganville, with Minister Adam Turner officiating. The family will receive friends 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM prior to the service. Jerry served his country honorably in the U.S. Army / National Guard during the Vietnam Conflict. He was employed with Western Electric, BellSouth and AT&T Lucent Technologies for many years. Jerry was also a ParaPro for Walton County Schools for over 20 years. Jerry was a member of Corinth Christian Church where he sung in the choir, served as a Sunday School Teacher, the youngest Sunday School Superintendent at the age of 17, Deacon and Elder. He was the only Elder ever ejected from a basketball game at the church. Jerry and Polly Rockmore organized the Loganville Youth Basketball program in 1978 with 50 players. The program has grown immensely through the years. Jerry was also very involved with the National Softball Association. He was an umpire for Little League, High School, and College baseball and fast pitch softball. Jerry also served as a referee for High School Basketball, Football, and Fast Pitch Softball. He was always involved with his children, coaching Chris in baseball and basketball and Sallyanne in softball. Jerry was also an avid golfer, serving as PGA Tour Marshall for the Eastlake Bell South Classic Tour on Sugarloaf. Jerry loved to grill and thought of himself as a grillmaster. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ridgeway Andrew and Anne Lou

(Palmer) Durden. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Peggy Hembree Durden of Loganville, GA; son and daughter-in-law, Chris (Carrie) Durden of Ellijay, GA; daughter, Sallyanne Durden of Loganville, GA; sister and brother-in-law, Rita (Danny) Baker of Loganville, GA; grandchildren, Chandler (Kayla) Durden of Guyton, GA, Elliott Durden of Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, and Chayce Durden of Greenville, SC; great grandchild, Riley Durden of Guyton, GA; numerous family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Corinth Christian Church, 1635 Highway 81, Loganville, GA 30052. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Christian Church
1635 Hwy 81 SW
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 466-4373

Memorial Service

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1635 Highway 81 SW
Loganville, GA 30052

Tribute Wall

WF

“ With Love, Gary, Sharon & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry L. Durden.



With Love, Gary, Sharon & family - January 17 at 02:35 PM

WF

“ With Love, Gary, Sharon & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry L. Durden.

With Love, Gary, Sharon & family - January 17 at 02:35 PM

TR

“ Tarleton Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry L. Durden



Tarleton Richardson - January 11 at 05:36 PM

TR

Jerry and I stayed at Shirley and Edsel when they lived in Florida he was in the Coast Guard and stayed in the lighthouse overlooking the launch of missiles into outer space and the moon. Ed and Diane were babies one or two years old. Jerry and I spent all day on the beach. And we got really tanned spending the whole time on the beach. We would go on the beach first thing in the morning whenever we got up, I don't know if we ate, we had breakfast. And went on the beach. I don't know if we had lunch or not but we just stayed on the beach all the time, I know we love the beach

Tarleton Richardson - January 11 at 05:56 PM

GM

“ Jerry, Peggy, and Sally became a part of our family when Chris married our daughter, Carrie, over 23 years ago, and they’ve been just that to us...family. We’ve known Jerry as a man of faith, a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. We’ve shared together many family events too numerous to count that will always be treasured memories. We will greatly miss PawPaw’s physical presence, but the laughter and joy he brought into our lives will never leave us, and we have a confident expectation that we will be together again.

Gary & Sharon Martin - January 09 at 05:44 PM

BM

“ This is a post from two unique perspectives. Mr. Durden as an able and helpful substitute teacher at Loganville Middle School (Jim Myers), and later as a supportive, considerate and reliable co-worker / co-para professional at Loganville Elementary School (Barbara Myers). Both of us have different memories of Mr. Jerry “Santa Claus” Durden, but we both thoroughly and equally enjoyed having the pleasure of knowing and working with him. Loganville has lost a special person that has made an impact upon many many people (young and old). We are grateful to be blessed to have had a little bit of Jerry in our lives when we did.

Sincerely,
Jim and Barbara Myers

Barbara Myers - January 08 at 06:17 PM

ST

“ I remember Mr. D from his time subbing at LMS. He always had a smile on his face, and the kids loved him! He was like a member of the LMS family and he will be missed!

Stephanie Traylor - January 07 at 10:18 AM

KM

“ I will always remember Jerry spending time with us as kids in the youth group back in the 70s at Corinth. He was always happy, loved everyone, especially his wife and kids. He had a way of making you feel special. My heart is broken for his family, but we will see him again when we get home! Love you, Jerry!

Kathy Martin - January 07 at 09:40 AM

MK

“ Even though Jerry was a couple of years older, we were in high school together for a couple of years and both played basketball. We also attended Corinth together. Jerry was one of the kindest persons I have ever known. Memories of conversations so many years ago and short talks at church years later come to mind. I know all his family feel blessed to have such a husband, father, grandfather and brother. Thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come. Marie Johnson Kirk

Marie Johnson Kirk - January 06 at 08:59 PM

BH

“ Condolences to the Durden family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. I know you have plenty of stories of Jerry. God Bless your family.

Brenda Smith Huntsberry - January 06 at 01:31 PM

RC

“ Thank you for all that you've done Mr. D. You were an unyielding pillar of support and kindness. Seeing you at Loganville Elementary School always made my days so much better. Rest well friend, and may God grant your family strength.



Ryan Cain - January 05 at 07:59 PM

JR

“ My husband and I are greeters for the 9:00 service on Sundays at Corinth Christian Church in Loganville. I looked forward to seeing Jerry, Peggy and Sally every Sunday when they came in. He always had a smile on his face and we would share a beautiful hug. If I had known on December 28 that it would be the last chance for a hug, I would have held on tighter. I am blessed to have known Jerry if only on Sundays for those hugs, and I thank God for putting such a genuine and caring man in my life for just a short season. Til we all meet again.
Jane and Jim Rafferty

Jane Rafferty - January 05 at 03:23 PM

VA

“ Mr. Durden, or Mr. D, as he was more affectionately known as, has been a fixture at Loganville Middle School for a few years now. He has subbed for me several times and was invaluable to the team here. We all loved him and even the kids loved him, and that says a lot because that's not an easy crowd to win over. He will be missed greatly. Prayers for God's comfort and peace in the warm memories of his life.
Ms. Abu
Business Teacher LMS

Vickie Abu-Shmais - January 05 at 03:12 PM