



## Charles McDonald Ferguson

February 19, 1948 - December 15, 2019

Charles McDonald Ferguson, Sr. was born on February 19, 1948 in his home outside of Cuthbert, Georgia. He died on Sunday, December 15, 2019, surrounded by his wife and children at age 71.

Charles attended the Cuthbert public schools, graduating from Randolph County High School in 1966. He attended the University of Alabama, playing football for the legendary Coach Paul “Bear” Bryant. He was a two-year starter at offensive guard, was President of the A Club, and received the prestigious Frank Thomas Award. In college, Charles was also a member of the Air Force ROTC program and was ultimately granted an appointment to the United States Air Force Reserves, earning the grade of Captain in 1979. After graduation, Charles remained at the University of Alabama for law school, where he obtained his Juris Doctor degree in 1974.

Charles began his law career in private practice in Edison, Georgia before returning to his hometown of Cuthbert to practice with Dell Bowen. In 1978, Governor Busbee appointed Charles as District Attorney for the Pataula Judicial Circuit consisting of Randolph, Clay, Quitman, Early, Miller, Seminole and Terrell counties. He faithfully served the citizens in this capacity for over thirty years, retiring in 2008. Charles cared deeply about crime victims and their families and prosecuted their cases to the absolute best of his ability. The people of the Pataula Circuit still benefit greatly from programs he helped to establish such as the Child Support Recovery Unit and the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. Charles served for seven years on the Prosecuting

Attorney's Council of Georgia, and was elected chairman in 1991.

Charles was a well-respected member of the Cuthbert community. He was a devoted member and former president of both the Cuthbert Lions Club and Cuthbert Rotary Club, where he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. Charles was a member of the Randolph County Historical Society. He also served with the local Habitat for Humanity, now Fuller Center, in various capacities.

Charles was a faithful member of the Cuthbert United Methodist Church where he served as lay leader, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Administrative Council for many years. He positively impacted many through his lay sermons and "Children's Moments." He also loved singing in the choir.

Charles is survived by Shelley, his beloved wife of 46 years and three children Charles, Jr. "Chip" (Libby) of Monroe, Georgia; Paige (Stephen) Shiver of Tallahassee, Florida, and Mia (Heath) Parrish of Fitzgerald, Georgia; and seven grandchildren: Rosemary and Mac Ferguson; Laurie, Abbie Rose and Watson Shiver; and Jackson and Banks Parrish. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas "Malcolm" and Edna Hall Ferguson and two brothers Tim and Mike.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Lunsford Funeral Home in Cuthbert. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm at the Cuthbert United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 19, 2019 with interment immediately following at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cuthbert United Methodist Church, Big Bend Hospice, or your local Alzheimer's Association.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Ferguson family with their arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### **New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery**

Cuthbert, GA

## Previous Events

### **The family will receive friends**

DEC 18. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lunsford Funeral Home  
54 Court Street  
Cuthbert, GA 39840

# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know of Charlie's passing to the great courtroom in the sky until today We met in law school. Me and I and David Ellis and Rob Sexton. Charlie met Shelley while we were studying for the bar exam I am crushed. I want to talk to Charlie again. God bless all of you.

*Eddy Cunningham  
Gadsden, al 2565463569 Shelley please call me*

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**edward cunningham** - November 05, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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“ Esmine purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles McDonald Ferguson.



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**Esmine** - December 17, 2019 at 07:33 PM

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“ I first met Charlie in the early 1980s; he will forever be remembered as a good and decent man. It was a pleasure to see he and keep him in your company. A talented prosecutor who choose the security and safety of others ahead of monetary gain. The community of prosecutors suffer this loss with the family. My family will keep your family in our prayers George E. Barnhill, District Attorney, Waycross

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**George E Barnhill** - December 17, 2019 at 10:10 AM