



Mr. Joel E. Cochran Sr.

January 29, 1931 - December 2, 2021

Joel Edward Cochran, Sr. age 90, of Milton, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2021. He was born in Old Milton County, Georgia, in the community of Birmingham on January 29, 1931, to Cora Elizabeth Castleberry and William Alonzo Cochran.

Joel was the youngest of twelve children. At 19, he joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego. He was assigned to the ship U.S. Noble APA 218 and fought in the Korean War.

Joel placed his faith in Christ in 1943 and was baptized in Sam Darby's lake. His favorite verse was Hebrews 11:1; Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. His faith became sight when he joined Jesus, his parents, and his siblings at the time of his death. He was active in church, serving as a Sunday School teacher for different age groups throughout his life. He was an active member at First Baptist Church Woodstock.

Joel retired from General Motors in 1986, and he and his wife Peggy enjoyed traveling and spending time with family during retirement.

Joel will be missed by all who knew him, but most of all by his wife - Peggy Phillips Cochran, the love of his life, his children, grandchildren, and great-

grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Peggy Cochran, his son and daughter in law, Joey and Karen Cochran, son Phil Cochran and daughter and son-in-law Jana (Cochran) and Adam Biesecker. 5 grandchildren; Kelly Walker, Brett Cochran, Zachary Biesecker, Corrie Biesecker Riggs, and Benjamin Biesecker 5 great-grandchildren, Gracie Walker, MaKayla Cochran, Mason Cochran, Everly Riggs, and August Riggs.

A celebration of life service will be conducted Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 2:30 pm from Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory in Roswell (12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075). Visitation will be Friday, December 10, 5:00 - 7:00 pm and one hour before the service on Saturday.

A private family graveside service will be held on December 29, 2021, at 2:00 pm at Georgia National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church on the Street, First Baptist Church Woodstock. <https://firstbaptistwoodstock.givingfuel.com/kingdom-giving> Fund: Church on the Street

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

DEC 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration Of Life

DEC 11. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joel E. Cochran Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I knew Joel and this family for years while I lived in the Hopewell community. One of the best families I have ever known. So sorry for your loss. Peggy, I know you will miss him more than words can say. May God give you comfort and peace to cope with your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers Love to you and your family. May God hold you in the palm of His loving hands. Sandy Queen*

Sandra Queen - February 04, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *We have so many wonderful memories of our dear friend and neighbor of almost 60 years. Joel was such a kind and helpful gentleman. He provided us with many delicious meals from his gardens over the years and once came to the rescue when we had a rabid raccoon that animal control wouldn't take care of. He was a great shot! We will miss Joel greatly and never forget him! Sending our deepest condolences to Peggy, Joey, Phil, Jana, and all the family. We love you all! Miller, Jean, Kim, Barry and family*



The Fosters - December 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

RT

“ One of my fondest memories is having Joel as my Sunday School teacher at Hopewell Baptist. I will always cherish his wisdom and Christian guidance. Later Ron and I were fortunate to be neighbors and friends of all the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love ya' ll.

Ron and Judy Turner - December 10, 2021 at 07:28 PM

FJ

“ From the Gatlin Family (friends of Jana) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joel E. Cochran Sr..



From the Gatlin Family (friends of Jana) - December 09, 2021 at 09:09 PM

GM

“ Great memories of baseball with Hopewell teams and Mr. Cochran when I was young and continued friendship throughout the years. He was a blessing to all who knew him. God Bless the his family.

Glenn Mize - December 09, 2021 at 08:06 PM

SP

“ *Jana,
Your sweet "diddy" (that's how it sounded to Northern me) made me feel like one of the family, even as a "yankee" transplant. I remember learning to make buttermilk biscuits and gravy watching your mom fix your dad's breakfast in the morning. He was a sweet and loving man with a great sense of humor. Your family's influence helped me feel welcome and encouraged me to join the band, which became my profession. Thank you! Earth's loss is heaven's gain. Oh how I wish I could be there on Saturday to offer my condolences in person! My prayers go out to you and your family during this time of transition, loss and grieving. All my love, Stephanie Stanhope Purvis*

Stephanie Stanhope Purvis - December 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM

WC

“ *Many good memories came to Sarah and me when we heard about the passing of our good brother. We will cherish these memories for the remainder of our lives. Peggy, Joey, Phil, Jana and all of the family, we are praying for you during this time of grieving . Please let us know if we can do anything for you. Peggy, Sarah and I love you and your dear family.*

Winton & Sarah Cox - December 05, 2021 at 12:16 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Northcutt Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel E. Cochran Sr.*



Barbara Northcutt Ledbetter - December 04, 2021 at 03:30 PM

BL

Sending love and prayers to this precious family.

Barbara Northcutt Ledbetter - December 04, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel E. Cochran Sr..*



December 03, 2021 at 07:13 PM