



## Mr. Johnny Herron

June 7, 1941 - May 15, 2017

Herron – Claude Johnny Herron, 75, of Alpharetta, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017. Johnny was born and raised in Atlanta, but moved to Roswell during high school. He played football for Milton High School and graduated in the class of 1959. Afterwards he served honorably in the Air Force for 4 years. He married Deanna Gay Edwards of Alpharetta. He was a friend and mentor to many. He loved to read books, was a history buff and knew his Bible inside and out. He was a girls' softball coach for many years changing the lives for many young girls. He was an avid proponent for girls' softball and was always working for the Alpharetta Recreation program and girls' softball. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Gay Herron; daughters, Donna Jean (Herron) Briggs and Johnnie Sue (Herron) Cooper; sons-in-law, Brad Briggs and Marcus Cooper; grandchildren, Ashleigh (Briggs) Colosi (26), Hannah (Briggs) Rittlweiger (24), Jonathan Briggs (19), Zoe Cooper (14) and Lacey Cooper (9). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Alpharetta student camp scholarship fund. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 11:00am in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Cemetery. The Herron family will receive friends on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, 770-645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Crest Lawn Memorial Park

2000 Marietta Blvd.  
Atlanta, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Johnny Herron*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny Herron.*



May 18, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Many years ago, during an especially cold winter, a very affectionate smoke-colored "ragdoll" cat showed up at our home. We suspected he'd been abandoned and started feeding him and giving him a place to sleep. Not many days after this the Herrons came over to visit. As Johnny was coming up to the carport door the stray began wrapping itself around his ankles. Johnny, in his usual gruff voice, looked down and said, "Well, hullo cat!" He bent down and picked the ball of fluff up. The cat, realizing that he'd just claimed this person as \*his\* went totally limp and started purring loudly. Mr. Gruff melted and Mr. Gooy-on-the-Inside started to show through. Needless to say, Smokey the Cat went home with the Herrons that night and, as I recall, spent a long happy life with them being pampered as a cat should be. 8-)*

**John Moore** - May 17, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny Herron.*



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May 17, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *The last time I saw Johnny was at the Mansell House a few months ago when he was being videotaped relating his rich family memories as well as his fun years with the Alpharetta Recreation Commission; I was so engrossed not only with the stories themselves, but his delightful way of telling the stories. The Alpharetta Historical Society was taping Johnny's stories to be in the History Room in the new Alpharetta City Hall for all to see and hear... for years and years to come.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss, which many others will share .*

*Nan Harman - Dempsey*

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**Nan Harman - Dempsey** - May 16, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *I so enjoyed working with Johnny when he was on the Alpharetta Recreation Commission. He was always so kind and thoughtful. Several months ago I spoke with Johnny at North Park - of course we talked about our grandkids and softball. My prayers go out to all the family,*  
*Alice Smith*

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**Alice Smith** - May 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM