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Larry Marvin Newton, 89, passed away at The Retreat Nursing Home on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023.

Larry was born in Machen, Georgia to the late S.H. “Pete” and Fannie (Martin) Newton. His older brother, Pete, preceded him in death. Larry was raised in Machen and Shady Dale, where he lived most his life. He was an active member of Calvary Methodist Church.

Larry attended elementary school in Shady Dale and graduated from Monticello High School in 1952. After serving three years in the US Navy during the Korean War, he attended Middle Georgia State in Cochran where he received an Associate’s Degree in Pre-Business. Larry worked in the manufacturing industry most of his life in Eatonton at Enterprise Aluminum -later retiring from International Storage Systems in Covington.

In 1963, Larry met and married the love of his life, Lavonne, after her family moved to Shady Dale from Dahlonega. He often recalled the story of their first encounter by saying, “I knew I was going to marry that girl the first time I saw her!” Their lifelong bond of love and marriage spanned over 60 years, as they were side by side from the moment they met until the day he left this Earth. Together, they had two children, Lynn Deraney (Newton) and Dr. Mike Newton of Monticello.

Larry was known for his tireless work ethic, endless knowledge of all” things Jasper County” and his ability to never meet a stranger. He couldn’t go anywhere too long without running into someone he knew and sharing a story about who they knew in common. When he lived at home, you could find him working on lawnmowers, cutting grass, or just swinging on his front porch while watching the busy traffic on Highway 83. Larry enjoyed spending time with his family, watching sports and listening to gospel music. On Sundays, he attended Calvary United Methodist Church and/or West End Baptist Church in Social Circle. During the last four years of his life, you could find Larry listening to “the karaoke man,” engaged in conversation with his friends, or playing a fierce game of BINGO at the Retreat Nursing Home where he spent his final years with Lavonne by his side.

Larry loved the Lord and professed that Jesus Christ was his Savior. He also valued every moment he got to spend with his family. His grandchildren and great-grandchild called him “Papa,” and they were the light of his life and truly his pride and joy.

Larry is survived by his wife, Lavonne, and children Lynn (George) Deraney and Dr. Mike (Tonya) Newton of Monticello; grandchildren Matt (Kayla) Deraney of Flowery Branch, Brandon (Danielle) Deraney of Gainesville, Aaron (Holly) Newton of Canton, Evan Newton of Milledgeville, great granddaughter, Addalynn Deraney of Gainesville and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Providence Baptist Church cemetery. Pastor David Williams will officiate.

Serving as pallbearers are Matt Deraney, Brandon Deraney, Aaron Newton, Evan Newton, George Deraney, and Billy Joe Smith.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Abbey Hospice 215 Azalea Court, Social Circle, Georgia 30025 or The Retreat Nursing Home 898 College Street, Monticello, Georgia 31064.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.