



Gerald L. Beck Sr.

June 20, 1934 - May 15, 2026

Mr. Gerald Lee Beck, Sr., age 91, of Gordon passed away Friday, May 15, 2026 after an extended illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Gerald Beck, Sr. will be conducted Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 11 AM in Gordon Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Carnley, Rev. Doug Mays and Rev, Frank Morris officiating. Interment will be in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams White Columns Funeral Home of Gordon on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 6 PM until 8 PM.

Son of the late Johnnie Steven Beck and the late Eva Stewart Beck, Gerald was born in Macon, GA. He was awarded an academic scholarship to the School of Journalism at the University of Georgia but chose to join the U.S. Navy, during the Korean War, in June 1952 following graduation from Lanier High School for Boys and served until he retired during the Vietnam Conflict in August 1970 as a Chief Aviation Electronics Technician. During his Navy career, he proudly served aboard a total of nine (9) aircraft carriers and was stationed at Naval Air Stations in California, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Virginia and Florida. After he retired from the Navy, Gerald taught small appliance repair at the Milledgeville Youth Development Center prior to his 27 years as a Biomedical Technician in the acute care units at the Jones and Kidd Buildings at Central State Hospital. Gerald had graduated from Georgia Military College with his associate and attended the University of Georgia. He was a Past

Master of the Gordon Masonic Lodge #240 and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Middle Georgia.

Gerald was a loving Christian husband and family man who made friends easily and served his Lord and Savior in various way, especially at Gordon Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling and he visited all 50 states and at least 14 countries.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ethel Kiser Beck; three children, Gerald L. "Jerry" Beck, Jr., Michelle Beck and Steven Beck; six grandchildren, Brian Beck (Stephanie), Alecia Bennett (Candler), Samantha Beck, Zac Beck, Mason Beck (Mara) and Bryce Beck; three great grandchildren, Everett & Greyson Bennett and Magnolia Beck; Brother, Ronald Beck (Wanda) and sister, Helen McNeal; very special sister in law and brother in law, Glenda "Tater" and Danny Young and number of nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

In lieu of flowers the family request, that those that can donate a unit of blood in the next 6 months and/or others may donate to a church or charity of their choosing.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Williams White Columns Funeral Home - Gordon
179 Milledgeville Road
Gordon, GA 31031
(478) 628-2200
gordon@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.whitecolumnsfh.net/>

Funeral Service

MAY **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gordon Methodist Church
128 Main Street
Gordon, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Williams White-Columns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald L. Beck Sr.*



Williams-White Columns Funeral Home - May 19 at 10:23 PM



“ *Williams White-Columns Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald L. Beck Sr.*



Williams-White Columns Funeral Home - May 19 at 05:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Beck and Family, It was just recently that I learned of Mr. Beck's passing. I always thought you all were the best family when we all were growing up. My thoughts and prayers go out for you and your family.*

Rohn Flanders - June 12 at 04:15 PM

LV

“ Mrs. Ethel and family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of dear Mr. Gerald. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this terrible time of grief and great loss of this dear loved man. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you in the days going forward. May HIS grace sustain you in HIS love.

*Blessings sincerely,
Benjie and Lisa Vinson*



Lisa Vinson - May 21 at 05:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Williams-White Columns Funeral Home - May 21 at 08:07 AM

DB

“ Mrs. Ethel and family, i am so sorry for your loss. Please know yall are in my heart and prayers.



Debra Weaver Barrow - May 20 at 12:42 PM

EB

Thank you!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:07 PM

SB

“ He was always there for me growing up. I'll miss you Granddaddy
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Samantha Beck - May 19 at 08:32 PM

EB

Very true, Samantha! Our three (3) children, six (6) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren were all very precious to him -- And they are to me, too!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:02 PM

RH

“ Mrs. Ethel, Steven and family. Praying for the family. Rita Faye Hopson

Rita Faye Hopson - May 19 at 07:44 PM

EB

Thank you!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:10 PM

KP

“ There are many special memories of Gerald, but one that stands out is his relationship with my parents. He and my dad served our country in the U.S. Navy. For my dad, it was during WWII. For Gerald, it was during later wars. They bonded over the many stories of their service with the Navy. They were proud to be Americans and especially veterans. Gerald was a very special friend to both of my parents and our entire family. May our dear friend rest in peace.
Kathy Pope

Kathy Pope - May 19 at 04:01 PM

EB

Gerald did love your parents -- & other family members, too!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:06 PM

FH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy Ethel Jean and all the family. It is with Dry Branch Love that I express my prayers, comfort & peace to you in the coming days. To Gerald, thank you Sir for your faithful service to our Nation. Anchors Away. 🇺🇸🙏*



Faye Kitchens Herring - May 19 at 03:49 PM

EB

Thank you, Faye!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:11 PM

TW

“ *Going to miss you very much...Standing up when you come into the office and yelling "HEY MR. BECK" and your come back was "HEY PRETTY LADY"*
Love you much Tammie Whitby

Tammie Whitby - May 19 at 08:59 AM

EB

Ms. Tammie -- Thank you for all of your sweet greetings - and for attending his service, too! He looked forward to your sweet greeting when he came to CGCC! Everyone there treated him (and me) so kindly throughout the years of his treatments!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 04:19 PM

AF

“ Mrs. Ethel and Steven I have so many great memories of Mr. Gerald. He was an awesome coach (way back when) and a friend. He was such a wonderful Christian man and a truly "good guy". My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

Amy Foster - May 18 at 09:27 PM

EB

Thank you!

Ethel Beck - May 21 at 06:30 PM

AL

“ Mr. Beck was a light to others. He showed genuine interest in people even when he was going through difficult times himself. He loved people and was wonderful to be around. I always enjoyed hearing him joke and laugh. He was intelligent, thoughtful, and interesting. My prayers are with you, Ethel, and your family.



Ashley Lawrence - May 18 at 09:02 PM

SA

“ I know Gerald will be missed! He fought long and hard! Praying for comfort for Ethel, Ronald and Wanda, and the rest of the family! Gerald is healed now!!

sherri appleby - May 18 at 08:32 PM

WD

“ Sweet man!!! He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Wendy Dudley - May 18 at 02:34 PM

EL

“ *weMy name is Evelyn Bernice Lyster and I worked with Mr. Because for over 20 years and he was my supervisor for a couple of years. Mr Beck saw somewhat an ability in me that no one else saw.. I thank him for that and I am so sorry to see that he has passed away. May God bless his family in this trying time. May they solace and receive God's blessing.*



Evelyn Lyster - May 18 at 07:45 AM

DH

I worked indirectly with Gerald in the old Jones Building and at Med/Surg for many years. He was definitely a “ people person”..... He made sure he got to know everyoneand I can truly say everyone loved him! You will be missed, Gerald! Dianne Lavender Hurst

Dianne L. Hurst - May 18 at 06:04 PM

CD

“ *Many wonderful memories with Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Ethel. He was such a helpful, kind, and caring man. He truly loved his family, especially his grandchildren. It was a pleasure and a blessing to have known Mr. Gerald. He will never be forgotten and may he rest in peace. Much love, CBD*

Cindy Douglas - May 16 at 04:59 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery*



Luther Minor - May 16 at 11:11 AM



Thank you!

Ethel Beck - May 28 at 04:46 PM