



## EDWARD M. BECKHAM, II

April 8, 1939 - July 12, 2020

PERRY - Edward Morgan Beckham, II, 81, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 12, 2020, after an extended illness. Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church of Perry, 1105 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069, or The Westfield School, 2005 US Hwy 41, Perry, GA 31069, or Stratford Academy, 6010 Peake Road, Macon, GA 31220.

Ed was born on April 8, 1939, to the late William Eugene and Fanita Cobb Beckham. As a young athlete at Perry High School, he developed a love for basketball under the direction of Coach Eric "Fessor" Staples and was on the 1956 State Championship basketball team. Time spent learning the game of golf early in life led him to help win the 1955 and the 1956 State Championship title for the Golf Team, as well, still holding the title as the last golf champs of Perry High School. Upon graduation with the Class of 1957, Ed went to college and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Georgia Tech. He then enlisted and proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy before returning to Perry to take over the family business, joining with his brother to form Beckham Brothers Distributors. The relationship Ed had with his brother, Billy, held a firm foundation from their youth, but as this business formed, so began a lifetime of not only brothers, but co-owners, co-workers, and best friends. There was never a cross word between the men through the years, even as Billy maintained the bookkeeping and Ed continuously "checked on things" at the various fuel locations in Middle Georgia and at the farm. Ed was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Perry and was a member of the Buice Sunday School Class. He was very active in the community, sharing his ideas for improvement and his knowledge of business by serving on various Boards of Directors including Ag GA Farm Credit from 1978 to 2016, The Westfield School as a Founding Board Member, the Military Affairs Committee at Robins Air Force Base through the Perry Chamber of Commerce, and Crossroads Bank as a Founding Board Member, as well as others throughout his lifetime in Perry and Houston County. Ed loved antiques and was always on the search for the next best piece of furniture at Scott's Antiques and his own Uncle's shoppe, Arthur Cobb Antiques, among many other of his favorites. An avid golfer most of his life, he was so proud of his last round of golf at age 76 with his 14-year-old grandson, Beck, as Ed got a

hole-in-one at Houston Lake Country Club, the place where he was actually the final living Charter Member and had spent a great deal of time enjoying the game and the atmosphere with his family and friends his whole life. A true Southern Gentleman he was, and was one of Perry's finest examples of faith, happiness, and success, he will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish the memories they made with "Big Ed" are his loving and devoted wife of nearly 20 years, Ella Ann Beckham of Perry; his daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Bill Henderson of Macon; his son and daughter-in-law, Ed, III, and Tamatha Beckham of Perry; his step-son and wife, Bob and Kollyn Lawson, also of Perry; his grandchildren, who lovingly referred to him as "Biggie" and from whom he gained much insight about the current world and found much pleasure, Molly Morgan Jones, Maimee Jane Henderson, Ed "Beck" Beckham, IV, Jimmy Brant Beckham, Kerri Ann Lawson, Ben Lawson, and Rooks Lawson; his brother and sister-in-law, W.E. "Billy," Jr. and Claire Beckham; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a step-son, Hugh Lawson III. The family is grateful for the care and compassion shown to Mr. Ed and his family by his caregivers, especially Shennando Lester, Ramona Askew, and the nurses and staff of Hospice Care Options.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at <http://www.watsonhunt.com>. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Evergreen Cemetery

720 Main Street  
Perry, GA, 31069

# Events

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**JUL** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

**15**

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Evergreen Cemetery  
720 Main Street, Perry, GA, US, 31069

# Comments

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“ Dear Ella Ann, Beth, Ed and Families, I am so sorry to learn of Ed passing. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Love, Jackie Klein

**Jackie Klein** - September 15, 2020 at 05:41 PM

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“ From: Buice, Campanelli & Dieter Families purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of EDWARD M. BECKHAM, II.



**From: Buice, Campanelli & Dieter Families** - July 22, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ Condolences to Ella Ann and the entire Beckham family. He had to be a very smart man to graduate with a degree from Georgia Tech, and to marry a well-bred and sweet woman like Ella Ann. My prayers are with the entire family. Marilyn Goodroe

**Marilyn H. Goodroe** - July 16, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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“ My husband, Malcolm Crook, graduated with Ed and was very fond of him. So sorry for your loss. Malcolm was just two days older than Ed. Malcolm passed away on April 6 of this year. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Sara B. Crook** - July 15, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ Having lived in the middle Georgia area all of our lives we had always "known of" the Beckham family; however, we really got to know Mr. Ed and Mr. Billy personally back in the mid-1990s when we purchased the BP station in Byron. These two fine gentlemen helped us remodel the station and gave us plenty of good advice on the gas business. We purchased our fuel form them for as long as we owned the business. Mr. Ed would come around to "check on things" weekly as he said but would end up staying for sometimes an hour or so just visiting with us. We looked forward to seeing him and hearing of the many stories of the Beckham Brothers business. He loved to laugh and loved a good business deal! He will be greatly missed by so many people. Our prayers are with the entire Beckham family.

Ben and Mitzi McDaniel  
Braeden and Brody

Ben & Mitzi McDaniel - July 15, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of EDWARD M. BECKHAM, II.



July 14, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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“ God bless this family that I have great love and respect for, and for whom I am so thankful. When I think of Mr. Ed, I think of someone who was funny and fun and was a good friend to my dad. It's so bitter sweet to have these memories. Love to you all forever.

wendy way - July 14, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ God Bless Mr. Ed and Family. Miss seeing him riding his bike to the gym.

eddie moreland - July 15, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Ed. Praying for the family in this difficult time. Mr. Ed became a friend when he started attending physical therapy a few years back. After he completed his therapy he started coming by to check on us daily. Some days he would beat us to the office and ask why we were late, he just got there before we opened. We started calling him the boss man and he took it seriously. He became the greeter and would talk to everyone than came in the door. If he wasn't there everyone asked where he was. We loved having him around and have missed having him come check on us. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts.  
-The girls at physical therapy  
Kittery & Hannah

**Kittery Duffield** - July 14, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ I extend my deepest sympathy to the Beckham family on the passing of Ed. I became his neighbor when my family moved from Fort Valley to live nextdoor to his family when I was a toddler. Neither he nor I ever left the neighborhood. He always had a smile and a friendly wave for me, and I will miss his greetings. Peace to his spirit.

**Dr. Nan Johnsonn** - July 14, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a very special man . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

**Debra Stewart** - July 13, 2020 at 11:57 PM

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“ Praying for you, dear loved ones, I am so sorry. Ed was such a character and I have many fond/funny memories of him from years ago. I can just see that smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye. Hold tight to your precious memories of Ed, he definitely was one of a kind. Hugs.

**Shelia (Todd) Laws** - July 13, 2020 at 10:20 PM

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“ Ella Ann and family our deepest condolences for your loss. Mr. Ed was as ways a joy to talk with. And we have officially retired the nerf basketball goal he enjoyed shooting at for a cleaning discount. He’s intensity to make that shot was always obvious. A great gentleman.

New Perry Cleaners

New Perry Cleaners - July 13, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss prayers to all the family Ed was a great man learned a lot from him over the years of working for him. Johnny Bryant

JOHN R. & Rhonda C.Bryant - July 13, 2020 at 08:01 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Pam Ekey.

Pam Ekey - July 13, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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“ Beth, Little Ed and the whole gang .... I don’t even know where to start! I cherish the many many wonderful memories of Mr. Ed, POP, Dr J and a multitude of other grand characters we were lucky enough to be surrounded by! We were so lucky to have had them!!! To be who we are and where we came from! I am torn between tears and laughter as I am so sad that group is gone .... but will always remember the twinkle in their eyes!!! The rest of the world should have been so lucky!! I love y’all and my prayers, hugs and tears are flowing for you all!! Keith Tolleson Bayless

Keith Bayless - July 13, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ We're so very sorry for your loss...Mr. Ed was always so nice and always took time to speak...a true southern gentlemen...that we looked up to. Thoughts and prayers to you all, Larry & Juliana Horsting

**Juliana D. Horsting** - July 13, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ Prayers for family and friends

**Barbara Smallwood Mullis** - July 13, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Ella Ann and Beth, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Prayers for all of the family.  
Nell Grinstead Wiggins

**Nell Wiggins** - July 14, 2020 at 12:39 AM

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“ Dear Beth , Ed , Ella Ann & families,  
I pray for you all for strength during this difficult time. Ed was an amazing person and greatly admired by so many friends and family members. I send you my love and heartfelt prayers. Rose Lane

**Rose Lane** - July 13, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ So sad to hear about Ed. Prayers for strength and comfort for all the family at this difficult time. Faye Wilson

**faye wilson** - July 13, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ Ella Ann and family,  
So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family  
Mike and Alicia

**Alicia Long** - July 13, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ He was a true Southern gentleman, loved by all who knew him. May our Lord wrap you in His love and surround you in grace and peace. Beth Gilmore

**Elizabeth Gilmore** - July 13, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Condolences Beth to you and your family. Rusty and I will hold you in our prayers.

Rusty and Karen Brown

**Karen Brown** - July 13, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. We know this has been a long, hard-fought battle. Our prayers go out to you, Ella Ann, and all the family, May God's love help sustain you all in the days ahead.

Sara and David Muse

**David Muse** - July 13, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah

**Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah** - July 13, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Ed had a great personality and loved life. He had a way to connect with people and make friends. When he was riding his "bicycle" through downtown Perry, he made us all smile. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

Andy and Louise Talton

**Andy** - July 14, 2020 at 04:42 PM