



## Mr. Heyward Lee Crocker Jr

July 12, 1949 - October 8, 2025

Heyward Lee Crocker Jr affectionately known as “Dee Duck” was born on July 12, 1949 in Lumpkin, Ga. Eldest son of the late Heyward Lee Crocker Sr. and Hattie Crocker. He was cherished by his siblings, Homer Crocker (Sheila), Betty Inman (Robert), and Corlis Echols (Darnell). He was preceded in death by Kathleen Crocker, Queen Reid, and Patricia Nelloms.

Heyward Jr. was a Navy Veteran where he served on the USS Annapolis and the USS New Jersey as a Sonar Technician. After his military career he went on to work for the Georgia World Congress Center until retirement. Heyward fathered five children: Namau (Malli) Roberson, LaQueena Frazier, ArKeeme (AJ) Taylor, Kenye Taylor, and Joe (Joe Joe) Beasley who created 11 grandchildren.

Heyward was an avid sports fan, he loved the Atlanta Falcons, Braves, and was an all-around sports fanatic that loved to listen to 92.9 for anything sports related. He also enjoyed taking walks anywhere, that’s just who he was. He was the type of person where he would see a snake and grab it with his bare hands and kill it and say” if the baby snake out here, the momma snake not too far away”. He loved to cook fish and chicken; the grill was his safe space. The latter years of his life he devoted his time to being a caregiver to his father the late Heyward Crocker Sr. he also dedicated his time to ensuring his niece and grand nieces and nephews had all thing fun daily getting them off the school bus and just overall loving on them. He was beloved by the community from which he lived for many years and will be cherished and

missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane  
Canton, GA 30114-7670  
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30034

## Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034-4146  
(404) 288-1910

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Duck you hurt me with this one, my children and my grandchildren are hurt beyond measure. You fought a good fight and you conquered the fight when the lord called you home. Uncle Duck take your rest and please save a seat for me. Love you Uncle Duck and will always be truly missed 🇺🇸💙🕊️🇺🇸🕊️. FLY HIGH UNCLE DUCK!!!!!!🕊️💙🕊️💙🕊️💙🕊️💙🕊️🇺🇸🕊️🇺🇸🕊️🇺🇸🕊️



Shinita Crocker - October 23, 2025 at 07:41 AM

LC

“ Too Children and Family of Duck , Truly a good man ,so full of life ,jokes .Will be miss. Prayers and Strength to each one of you and continue to Trust God and stay together and keep each other lifted up and Love on each other. Family.Much Love to everyone.

Linda Cummings - October 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BH

The family have my deepest condolences, D-Duck and his Sister Betty Jo and I are friends from the Columbus, Ga ( Carver Heights/ Kendrick Quarters ) days, our parents were friends from Lumpkin, Ga. So we did have some history. But, I just wanted to let you know that I will be praying for the family. Bend but don't break, stay United. Don't let the glue that kept the family together end. Mrs Hattie Lou & Mr. Heyward would want you to. So keep God first.

Betty Hardrick-Horton - October 22, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LF

“ *Daddy this is hard I mean really hard. I am not ready to say goodbye so this is see you soon daddy! Your fight is over !! Love you always your little and only girl!*

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**Laqueena Frazier** - October 22, 2025 at 04:57 PM

AJ

“ *Thanks for loving me through me being me. Love ya daddy*

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**Aj** - October 22, 2025 at 03:09 PM