



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, April 1, 1928

**Died:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020

*Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Cecil Herbert Reddish, age 92, of Swainsboro, May 05, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home.*

*Private memorial services will be conducted at a later date.*

*The family will be receiving friends, at the home of Mrs. Jeanine Reddish on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 5-7 PM. Due to the COVID 19 directives, the family wants you to be safe and use your on discretion.*

## Service Summary

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Services are to be announced

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### Visitation

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thu May 07, 2020

### Home of Mrs. Jeanine Reddish

Swainsboro, GA 30401

*Mr. Reddish affectionately known by most as "Coach" was born April 1, 1928 in Ludowici, GA to the late William Lester and Blanche Schuler Reddish. "Coach" graduated from Jesup High School where he excelled in many athletic events. In 1943, as the starting quarterback, he led the team to victory over Valdosta State achieving one the most prominent high school football careers. In 1944 he and fellow team member, Jack Davis, won the state high school doubles tennis championship. Mr. Reddish was recruited as a junior in high school to Auburn University for two years, before returning home to marry his high school sweetheart Jeanine Carter Reddish in 1948. Coach transferred to Livingston State University where he played quarterback and safety for the football team. In 1950, he was named team captain, president of the junior class, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and All- Conference in the Alabama Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He also led all small colleges with 14 interceptions as a safety and graduated from Livingston in 1951 with a BS in Science, he also holds a Master's Degree from the University of Georgia and a Masters Degree in Administration and two Six-Year Specialist's degrees from Georgia Southern College. From 1962-1970 "Coach" was just that, the Coach for the Swainsboro High School Tigers Football Team and Assistant Principal until retirement in 1984. Mr. Reddish was an avid golfer and shot a Hole-In-One, on April 22, 1998 on the 5th hole of the Swainsboro Golf and Country Club. He was inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 27, 2002. In his retirement, he also enjoyed wood working and fishing. Mr. Reddish was a member of the Swainsboro First Baptist Church, and in addition to his parents was preceded in death by sister, Irma Blanton; and brothers, Robert "Buddy" Reddish and Roby Reddish.*

*Survivors include:*

*His Wife of 72 years: Jeanine Carter Reddish of Swainsboro, GA*

*Daughters: Cecilia Thompson (Phil) and Deborah Burrows  
all of Swainsboro, GA*

*Sons: Richard "Bird" M. Reddish (Phyllis) and Robert S.  
Reddish (Kimberly Long) all of Swainsboro, GA.*

*Brother: James Harold "Sonny" Reddish of Jesup, GA*

*Grandchildren: Jennifer Reddish Coulter (Jeremy),  
Richard Michael Reddish Jr. (Rebekah), Stephanie Faye  
Reddish and Joseph Seth Schrader.*

*Great Grandchildren: Olivia Peyton Coulter, Carson Claire  
Coulter, Gavin Michael Reddish, nieces, nephews and  
extended family.*

*Condolences may be submitted on-line  
at [www.durden-hudsonfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.durden-hudsonfuneraldirectors.com)*

*Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of  
arrangements for Mr. Cecil Herbert Reddish of  
Swainsboro, GA.*