



## Mr. Sam Farkas Obituary

October 25, 1921 - December 30, 2012

Mr. Sam Farkas, 91 of Albany died December 30, 2012 at Willson Hospice House.

Funeral service will be Wednesday 11 AM at Crown Hill Cemetery with military honors. Mr. David Stern officiating.

Sam Farkas was born October 25, 1921, the eldest son of Anise McCormack Farkas and George Washington Farkas.

He attended local schools, graduating from Albany High School. He attended the Citadel in Charleston, SC and the University of Georgia. At the onset of W.W. II he joined the Army Air Corp as a radioman on bombardiers. He served in Italy and North Africa. His plane was piloted at one time by the famous movie star; Jimmy Stewart.

At war's end he returned to Albany and thoroughly enjoyed managing the family owned New Albany Hotel, where he gave Ray Charles a job playing piano in the famous Continental Room on the cellar of the hotel.

He married the love of his life after knowing her one month, 63 years ago. The couple made friends with movie stars, Broadway producers and Generals over the years.

After many years he left the hotel to open F&F Industrial Chemicals followed by Container Services, Inc. which he opened with his son. He was a longtime member of Temple Bnai' Israel.

His hobbies included traveling the world with his wife and close friends, the Lorig's. He and Marvin Lorig had been best friends since Sam was five years

old and Marvin is now 94.

He was a self-taught magician and hypnotist. As his fame spread he worked with doctors and their patients to overcome such issues as smoking and obesity. He also donated his hypnosis skills to civic organizations in fund-raising efforts. He entertained at many parties for family and friends over the years with his talents.

He donated his time and magic talents to entertain hundreds of children at the Jr. Museum over the years. He also donated his time and talent to entertain returning Vietnam War wounded Vets, both in Philadelphia, PA and Walter Reid Hospital in Washington, DC.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Anchell.

He is survived by his wife, Elane Farkas of Albany, daughters, Lorie Farkas Van Linden and her husband Bill of Albany and Janet Weinberger and her husband Mark of Augusta, GA, son, Sam Farkas, III of Albany, grandchildren, Lane, Joshua, Samuel, Karly, Abby, Blake and Kelsey, and several great-grandchildren.

He leaves behind his brother, Leonard Farkas and his sister, "Sister" Wigzell, along with a myriad of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of Flowers, please make memorials to the SOWEGA Council on Aging, 1105 Palmyra Rd. Albany, GA 31701 or to your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Sam Farkas Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Sam Farkas Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Goodbye Mr. Sam. I love you (and Miss Lanie too).*

*Love,  
Laura*

**Laura Cox - Leesburg, GA** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lorie and Sandy, sorry for your loss. I always remember our parents times together with great fondness.*

**Marc Kemper - Warner Robins, GA - Friend** - January 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet, thinking of you and your family. Freddie*

**Fred Freaney - Peachtree City, GA - AHS 1974 classmate** - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ So sorry for your loss.....I did not know Mr. Farkas personally but went to school with Sister Farkas Wigzell and had other opportunities of knowing him in Albany. Sending sympathy and prayers to all the family!

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**Frieda Howard Randles - Orlando, , FL - Friend** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Lorie and Sammy,  
So sorry for you loss, know my prayers are with you and your family.  
Also I know my daughter Karen sends her love too. Lou

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**Lou Johnson Lee - Albany, GA - Friend** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We have wonderful memories of your father and are so sad to hear of his passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim and Agnes Cohen Farmer - Albany, GA - Friend** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Thinking of you and your family Lorie.  
Nancy Reimer

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**Nancy Reimer - Albany, GA - Friend** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Each of you are in my thoughts, prayers, and love. Blessings,  
"Ann Peacock"

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**Ann Peacock Voss - Albany, GA - friend** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I miss Sam already. He was always good about telling you like it is. when i first met him i couldn't tell if he liked me or not. He let me know real quick how he felt. Sam assured me i would be successful with my buisness. He and Mrs. Farkas gave me encouragement and good pointers in opening and keeping a buisness and for that i will always be greatful.

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**vivian davis - albany, GA - friend** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayes are with all of you as you celebrates Sam's 91 years amoung us.

*Ray & Nancy*

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**Ray & Nancy McKemie - Pelham, GA - Friend** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Just a note to let you know that we are thinking about. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*David & Linda*

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**David & Linda Moncrief - Albany, GA** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM