



Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr.

May 27, 1941 - March 10, 2019

John Matthew Vansant, Jr., (known to his family and old friends as “Buster”), died on March 10, 2019.

He was born at Phoebe Putney Hospital on May 27, 1941. His Funeral and Celebration of Life will be held in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia on Friday, March 15 at 2:00 PM, with the Rev. Thad Haygood officiating. Visitation will be held in Ford Hall from 1:00 PM until time for the service. Interment will follow the service at Crown Hill Cemetery next to his Mother and Father, Jonnie Wilson Vansant and John Matthew (Matt) Vansant, Sr.

John dearly loved First Methodist Church. He was baptized there on May 29, 1949, and he enjoyed teaching Sunday School in the George & Virginia Littleton Class and the Monk Thompson Class. He also taught many sessions of the Disciple Bible Studies and loved reading and studying commentaries, articles and especially the Bible in preparation.

John attended Albany Public Schools and graduated from The Baylor Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 31, 1959. He graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962 and received his law degree in December 1964. He was admitted to the Georgia Bar in June of 1964. After graduation from Law School, U. S. Senator Herman E. Talmadge appointed John as his Legislative Assistant in Washington, D. C., where he served for two years before leaving in September, 1966, to join the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, also in Washington, D.C. Returning to Albany in 1969, John opened his law practice at 127 Court Alley and became very involved in civic and community affairs. After retiring in 2018 from his long partnership with Al Corriere in the law firm of Vansant and Corriere, LLC, John later became Of Counsel to Kimberly D. Lamb, P.C. .

John served on the Board of Directors of the Albany YMCA., and every day around lunchtime you could find him running (later walking) around the track. He also served as a Board member of the Albany Sports Hall of Fame and invited all his family and friends to join him at the annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. John truly enjoyed the practice of law,

and was named one of Georgia's Top Rated lawyers in Family Law in 2012. He loved his family and appreciated all his many old friends and the new friends he made at the Y. and at Doublegate Country Club and later Stonebridge Country Club.

John is survived by his children, John Matthew Vansant, III (Debbie), of Edmond, OK, Laura C. Vansant of Atlanta, Kimberly V. Falcon of Scott, LA, Connie Vansant of Metairie, LA, and step-children, Jason Hammock (Melissa) and Nikki Jernigan (Doug) of Albany. He is also survived by his grandchildren Melinda Patterson (Aaron) of Oklahoma City, Matt Vansant (Emily) of Dallas, Texas and Cliff Vansant of Edmond, OK. His sister, Mary Dale Vansant Kea (Don) and his niece Van Kea Henderson (Terry), both of Macon, GA. also survive him. Special appreciation is expressed to Sue Gay, John's secretary for 30 years and to long time friends and helpers, Curtis Simmons and Freddie May Johnson.

Those who desire to make a gift in memory of John may make a donation to Albany First United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Avenue, Albany, GA 31701, to the Albany YMCA, 1701 Gillionville Road, Albany, GA 31707, or to Albany Community Hospice, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Ford Hall First United Methodist Church of Albany
307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA, US

MAR **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave, Albany, GA, US, 31701

Comments



“ Sandy Tomberlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr.



Sandy Tomberlin - May 27, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. Prayers for all the family and friends. Lambert and Marylene Suess family.

Jerry Suess - March 20, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ We were so sad to hear this news. We shared an amazing childhood with Buster and remember him fondly from those days and from Emory. Love to Mary Dale and family, Martha and Hewett Joiner

Martha Joiner - March 16, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Buster and I grew up in the same neighborhood and I have fond memories of those years. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. My condolences especially to Mary Dale.

Joe Burdeshaw

Joe Burdeshaw - March 14, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ Mary Dale and Donnie, thinking of you and wishing I could be there tomorrow. My heartfelt sympathy to you and each of your family members. I know Buster must have been a really special person. Brothers are precious to us!
Love,
LaRose

LaRose Tapley - March 14, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ Kim And Jody Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr.



Kim and Jody Schultz - March 14, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ I was fortunate that I was able to see and visit with John almost every day at the YMCA for the past twenty years. His locker was right by the door to the Men's Health Center, and he was usually finishing his workout when I arrived. I loved his sunny disposition and kind greetings when I arrived in the locker room. I will miss getting to visit with him everyday. He was kind, caring and true friend. My thoughts and prayers go to his family.

Tony Bueschen

Tony Bueschen - March 14, 2019 at 07:03 AM



“ Ross, Burriss & Handelman purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



Ross, Burriss & Handelman - March 13, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathies. I met John in spin class at the YMCA about 2 years ago. He was always such a joy to be around. I loved his southern gentleman drawl. The last time we spoke was when I called him in the hospital. He said he was going to bounce back and return to the Y. I really wish that were true. I miss him. I am certain all of his YMCA friends miss him as well.

My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Lynn Miller - March 13, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. He was one-of-a-kind and will be missed.
God's peace,
Jamil Saba

jamil saba - March 14, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ My Sincere and Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the family. Mr Vansant was a very good man, no matter when I called him he was there, when I would call the office Mrs. Sue knee who I was without asking and transfer to him. I called him Daddy Vansant for I felt like his child. I last time I talked with him he was in the hospital and he said he was going to be alright and he is now. I will truly miss him dearly. An awesome man that knew God and the law.

Lisa House - March 13, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ I called him Daddy Vansant no matter when I called Mrs. Sue know my voice and get him on the phone. Mr. Vansant was a very special person to me he was definitely a good man and know the law. I will miss him dearly.

Lisa House - March 12, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ I remember John fondly. He preceded me as the legislative director for Senator Talmadge. How old was he? Was it 79?

Mike McLeod - March 12, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ John was my first boss in Albany as an attorney. John truly has great passion and dedication for his clients. He cares less about popularity and more about his role as advocate.

Keith Pflapsen - March 12, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Will always remember our weekly dinners and our friendship

George Waldrop - March 12, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



March 12, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Kimberly D. purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



Kimberly D. - March 12, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Dane Arreola lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr.



Dane Arreola - March 12, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ I've known John for over 30 years and he was always a gentleman, very kind and compassionate. May he rest in peace and to his family and friends, you are all in my prayers.

Dane Arreola - March 12, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ Tony and Angela Stevens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



Tony and Angela Stevens - March 12, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ John was a dear friend to all the Littleton's and I cherish the times we shared in Disciple Class . One of the highlights in my memory book was my trip to Italy with John and Sue. We thought we had lost him in Florence but Sue said..."He'll find his way home!" John is indeed "HOME" now. May he Rest In Peace. Mary Wallace

Mary Wallace - March 12, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Our thoughts are with the entire Vansant family and especially our beloved Jason and Melissa Hammock. We love you and loved visiting with John. My favorite memories of him are at the beach and at your wedding. Love, the Lilze family and Wheeze Bowling from Cincinnati, Ohio

tiffany lilze - March 12, 2019 at 06:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



March 12, 2019 at 05:58 AM



“ The first time I met John was at the YMCA. I was his fitness instructor of the noon class. He had a great personality and respected you for who you were. Although it has been many years/miles between us, I have never forgotten you (nor will I). RIP my friend.

Frank Diani, Pittsburgh, PA.

Frank Diani - March 11, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ We wish to extend our condolences to John Vansant's family! Brenda Gail & Danny Wall (Leesburg, GA.)

Brenda Gail Wall - March 11, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ I met John back in 1981 when I worked for Inez Wolfe Court Reporting. He was such a good man, always smiling. I was fortunate to have seen him a couple months ago. After not seeing him for years, he knew exactly who I was. We talked about the good ol' days in Court and shared a big hug before we parted. I am so blessed to have that wonderful memory and will always remember his infectious smile and his kind heart. John will be truly missed.

Susan Sebastian - March 11, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



March 11, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



March 11, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ I can say how good of friend he was to me and my husband. He was the best. When my husband was sick and dying he help me with legal problems at no charge. When we were not going to the YMCA at the same time. We would leave birthday cards on his car. There were 4 of us all the same age and had a real bond. I heard all about his grandkids and children. We went to same church and Sunday school. We took Disciple under Mary Dale and Don Kay.

Kay Lennard - March 11, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ Mary Dale and. Don, children and grandchildren.
This was a sad day to learn of John’s passing.
We enjoyed him so much when he taught the Littleton Class. John loved the Bible and made us love it even more. I saw him two weeks ago and he told me he was going to die!!! Such courage to
Face such alarming news. No doubt he was
Excited about seeing the face of Jesus . The one
He had studied and loved so dearly.
We will miss John and send the family our heartfelt
Sympathy and love. May John Rest In Peace.

patsy martin - March 11, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Matthew Vansant Jr..



March 11, 2019 at 04:51 PM