



Mr. Benjamin Franklin McKinney

July 6, 1918 - January 21, 2015

Mr. Benjamin Franklin McKinney, 96, died Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at Morningside Assisted Living. His remains have been cremated and a private service will be held at a later date.

Mr. McKinney was born July 6, 1918 and was proud to serve as a Marine gunnery sergeant in the US Marine Corps on the USS Chicago. He was on the deck of the USS Missouri when General Douglas MacArthur signed surrender documents with Japan, officially ending WWII in the Pacific. B. F. was long time faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Albany, GA. An avid golfer, he spent many hours with his friends playing at the Flint River Golf Course, where he made several of his six holes in one. He loved gardening and was very proud of the vegetables he grew and shared with his friends. His professional career was spent as a food broker for Lykes Brothers before he opened his own food brokerage business with his partner, Jack Sawyer.

B. F. was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Chew McKinney, who died in May of 2000.

Survivors include his second wife, Marilyn Malphurs McKinney, three children, Robert F. "Bobby" McKinney and his wife, Laura, of Albany, GA, Daniel McKinney and his wife, Kathy, of Richmond, VA and Beverly Sumner and her husband, Mike, of Augusta, GA, eight grandchildren and eighteen great

grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 220 North Jackson St, Albany, GA 31701 or to the YMCA, 1701 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31707.

To share your thoughts with the McKinney family, you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

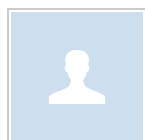
Tribute Wall



“ *I remember Grandpa BF! I didn't know him too well, but I know my dad loved him. Sending prayers.* ”

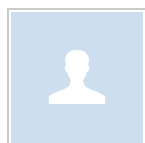


Annabelle - November 05, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Mr. Benjamin Franklin McKinney* ”

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Benjamin Franklin McKinney* ”

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Bobby: Please accept my sincere condolences. I hope that you will find strength and comfort in your memories of your father.* ”

Valerie Buchanan

Valerie Buchanan - January 28, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ *How sorry we were to hear about B.F. He was a wonderful man and was loved by so many people. I have many wonderful memories of him and Lucy at First Prez! Aren't the promises of our Lord wonderful when death comes to those we love. Dewey and Cookie Smith* ”

Cookie Young Smith - January 24, 2015 at 08:21 PM

PC

“ Dear Danny, Beverly and Bobby, I am so sad that your Dad has passed away. I have such great memories of him and your mother during the time that I lived in their home. As Johnny said in his tribute, BF was like a second father. I was always grateful to have had the opportunity to stay with the McKinney family when my own parents had to move away before high school graduation. And I know, Danny, that he and your mom cared just as much for all of your pals from high school! And now he is with Jesus, which means we get to see him again some day!

With love from your long lost "stepbrother", Philip Cook

Philip Cook - January 24, 2015 at 12:14 PM

MG

“ B.F. was a rare breed....a war hero, a husband, a father and I am proud to say a friend. I shall miss him.

Mike Gebhart - January 23, 2015 at 10:49 AM

GD

“ Gary G. Dorough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Franklin McKinney



Gary G. Dorough - January 23, 2015 at 08:52 AM

SC

“ Bobby, I pray that you and your family find peace, understanding and solace in many wonderful memories of your beloved Father.

Sue Corbin

Sue Corbin - January 23, 2015 at 08:08 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry to hear of B.F's passing. We use to have some good times together. We will keep his family in our prayers.

Bill and Jeanne Pollard

Donna Shore - January 22, 2015 at 01:15 PM

MV

“ I am very sorry to read about your dad's death. He was a great friend and roll model for me and my brother growing up. My father shared many great times with him at 1st. Pres. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Your family will be in mine and Sharon's prayers. Mike Veasey

Mike Veasey - January 22, 2015 at 10:26 AM

DS

“ Bob, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many memories of him at Georgia Federal! Debbie Sutton

Debbie sutton - January 22, 2015 at 10:20 AM

JJ

“ Danny, I am so sorry to read about your dad's death this morning. I will always remember him as he was like a second father to me. Gayle and I will remember you and your amily in our prayers.

Johnny & Gayle Johnston

Johnny Johnston - January 22, 2015 at 08:04 AM

NR

“ Thinking of all of you at this time!
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - January 22, 2015 at 06:16 AM

MR

“ Bobby - I am sorry to read of your father's death this morning. He always greeted me with a smile at Morningside. He certainly had a lot of attention from your visits - you set an example for the rest of us.

Milt Robinson

Milt Robinson - January 22, 2015 at 05:48 AM

HB

“ Bobby & Family-B.F. was such a treasured friend and member of 1st Pres. It was always a highlight to debate Braves baseball with him at Wednesday night supper. I will miss those talks. I can never look at a picture of Bobby Cox without thinking of B.F.! You will be in mine and Leslie's prayers. He will be missed.

Harold Boling - January 21, 2015 at 02:22 PM