



Col. Charles D. Chitty, Jr. Obituary

November 1, 1914 - March 21, 2009

Charles D. Chitty, Jr. died at his home in Albany on Saturday, March 21, after a brief illness. Col Chitty was born in Ft. Gaines, GA on November 1, 1914. He attended Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA and Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) on baseball scholarships before joining the Army Air Corps in 1937. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on September 1, 1939, Col Chitty served 28 years on active duty and retired in 1965 as a command pilot with over 5,600 flight hours. His early years were as a flight training instructor and training staff officer teaching new pilots. In 1944/45 he flew 39 combat missions destroying 32 locomotives and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross as a fighter pilot in Italy. Following WWII, he served in Japan, returning shortly after the beginning of the Korean Conflict. In 1953 he graduated with a B.S. in Military Science from the University of Maryland. In the 1950's and 1960's, Col Chitty served in various positions of responsibility as Commandant, Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL, fighter wing commander at Elmendorf AFB, AK and at Hamilton AFB, CA until his retirement. He flew twenty-four different types of aircraft during his Air Force career. While serving in the Pentagon he obtained a M.S. degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1965 he worked briefly as Comptroller for Darton College (formerly Albany Junior College) before becoming an instructor in the Social Science Department teaching U.S. government and history for almost twenty years. Subsequent to his retirement in 1985, he was

named Professor Emeritus at Darton College. Colonel Chitty helped in founding Albany Bible Church. In 1939 Col Chitty married the late Marianne Turnipseed also of Ft. Gaines. They were married for 58 years before her passing in 1998. He married the former Peggy Sheppard Curles of Albany in 2002. Col Chitty is survived by three children, Deane C. Reher and husband Harold of Albany, Charles B. Chitty and wife Kay of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and LTC (Ret) Daniel R. Chitty and wife Kathy of Fayetteville, GA. His grandchildren include William (Billy) M. Mitchell, Jr., of Atlanta, Edward (Dean) D. Mitchell of Savannah, Charles (Andy) A. Chitty of Savannah, Katherine (Missie) Kinlaw of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Charles (Chuck) B. Chitty of Chattanooga, TN, Kathryn (Katie) C. Pearson of Atlanta, and MAJ Matthew B. Chitty, US Army of Killeen, TX, currently deployed to Iraq. He also has nine great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. His brother, David C. Chitty, preceded him in death as did his parents, Charles D. Chitty and Edna K. Chitty all of Albany. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Albany Community Hospice, 2332 Lake Park Drive, Albany, GA 31707 or to Albany Bible Church, 100 Grand Island Drive, Albany, GA 31707. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11:00AM at Albany Bible Church. The interment service will be held at 3:30 PM at New Park Cemetery in Ft. Gaines. Pastor Pete Daughtry and the Reverend Richard Turnipseed will officiate. You may sign the online registration and share your own memories with the family of Col Chitty by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Col. Charles D. Chitty, Jr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *What a fine man God has in heaven now! I am sure He is listening with rapt attention to one of Col. Chitty's many stories! I had this fine man as a professor back in the 84-85 year at Albany Junior and always looked forward to his classes. He would let us bring our recorders to record his lectures. I did not have a small recorder so I always took my "jam box" to class. The Col. would always say, "Now Scott, don't play us none of that Rock and Roll now!" The country he loved was a better place because of him. I cannot wait to hear his stories again in heaven!*

Scott Segler - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a college freshman, I enrolled in a Political Science course at Albany Junior College (1984). It was taught by Colonel Chitty and for the first time in my life, I actually grew to love history. He was such a good professor, and such a good man. Many times, as I am now a teacher, I have told my students who see no purpose whatsoever in learning about the past that one day they will have a "Colonel Chitty" who will make them see the importance of it all. God Bless!*

Rhonda Carlisle - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank-you Col. Chitty for requiring us to learn the Preamble and the National Anthem. We will all miss you but remember you.*

Flagg Brown - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Col. Chitty,
I never knew you, but I am very fond of your grandson and my good friend Chuck.

I know you are proud of Chuck. He will truly miss you and the wisdom you have provided for him.

Thank-you for Chuck and also for your service to the United States of America.

Rest in peace,

*David C. Patten
Chattanooga, Tennessee*

David C. Patten - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Col. Chitty was one of my instructors many, many years ago at Albany Junior College. He made history come alive and I thoroughly enjoyed his class. He is truly one of the finest men that I have ever met.

Kelly Moore - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I miss my Aunt Janie so much, but I know we will be reunited one day. Uncle Leland and Tiffany are so blessed for getting to share their life with such an amazing, caring, and generous person. I know it is such a hard time right now but remember you have each other for support....and a ton of us who love you guys dearly. I'm so blessed to have such a wonderful, loving family! Please let me know if there is anything in the world I can do for you. I will be praying for you daily. Please remember in these sad and troubled times....that JOY comes in the morning.

Love, Stef

Stefanie Laxton - March 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ What a wonderful man Col. Chitty was! He was an EXCELLENT teacher who taught with such enthusiasm and it was so infectious. I was his student 28 years ago and I am proud to have met such a distinguished gentleman. Rest in Peace, Sir.

Janice Route-Blaylock - March 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I first met Col. Chitty as a student in one of his government classes at Albany Junior College. Later I was blessed to have been part of a Bible study group meeting in his home, which eventually became Albany Bible Church. I am so thankful for the way the Colonel enlisted himself in service to God, to be used by Him to bless the lives of so many. I will miss him.

Patty Davis - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I have fond memories of Col Chitty. As a learning disabled student, I was admitted to Albany Junior College on probation. Col. Chitty took me under his wing. He was a driving force behind my academic as well as spiritual transformation. Looking back, I know that God put him in my path. I owe so much to Col. Chitty. I now have an earned doctorate, and my life is so much richer because of the beloved Col. Chitty. I salute you, Col. Chitty. You are my hero.

Dr. Ron McCaskill - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Sympathy & prayers to the family. I had an office 2 doors down from Col. Chitty when I came to Darton in 1980. He was the first one there every morning. He was always smiling and very helpful to me as a new faculty member. I have very good memories of him.

Joan Darden - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ COL Chitty was my instructor/advisor from 82-85. Who can forget the requirement to write the words of the National Anthem on the final exam of the US History class. The International Relations class and the explanation of good versus evil. I knew he was a Christ honoring man. I was very glad when I was able to call him in 87 and let him know that I had joined his ranks as a born again believer. To the Lord Jesus Christ be glory for COL Chitty's testimony and the Christ like example he imparted to this world.

Keith Dorminey - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

Trudy Birchfield - March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Colonel Chitty was my favorite prep school teacher at Albany Bible Church. I liked how he always used his own life experiences to teach the lesson. I have cherished memories of our youth group camping trips at his homestead in Ft. Gaines. I will miss him very much.

Matthew Dickinson - March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I remember Col. Chitty very well from my days at Darton College 29 years ago. He was a great teacher and a man of character.

Julie Lee - March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Col. Chitty was my academic adviser at AJC. It was always a treat to stop by his office. He had my career all planned out. If I had just listened to him there is no telling where I might be now 30+ years later. He was a rare individual. I have remembered him fondly for these many years. My sympathy to his family.

Rick Segers - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Peggy and Tommy, My prayers are with you. I was fortunate to have Col. Chitty as an instructor in American History at Albany Junior College. He certainly lived a purposeful life. Sincerely, Lallie

Lallie Jones Benkoski - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am sorry for your loss. What a great man Col. Chitty was. He was my Pol. Sci. instructor at Darton College. I learned so much from him and have repeated many stories he told us during class. My life was touched by him and I am saddened to hear of his death.

I hope God will bless each of you in this time of loss.

Aubrey Moree - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ It was my pleasure to be among the first faculty at Albany Junior College and to work with Col. Chitty; he was a fine man.

Charlie Edwards - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Col. Chitty was one of those rare teachers whose influence stretches across the years and even the decades. I took Col. Chitty's Government class at AJC and followed it with his International Relations course. I was impressed, and inspired, by his work ethic, his love of students, his passion for learning, and his fearless faith and patriotism. I am proud to have been one of his students and even more proud that his life and legacy, stories and jokes, continue to live on in all of us who knew him.

Dr. Hal Fulmer - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Class 39C, Flew Charlie in B-18 bomber to Ft, Benning, to get married. Live in Americus. Will be at visitation. 229-931 6362

Col Keith S. Wilson - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I didn't know Col. Chitty that well but I will never forget as an older student at Darton (formerly Albany Jr. College) sitting in his class and how impressed I was when he asked everyone to write down what they believed their purpose in life to be. Many answers were received (mostly having to do with worldly success) and then Col. Chitty went on to say that each person's purpose in life should be to glorify God, the creator of the universe. I will never forget that and the impact he made on the lives of his students. He is now in Heaven with his Creator, the one he served so unashamedly and honorably.

Sue Hammond - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Col. Chitty was a highly respected and admired Christian man. He loved his family--he loved the Lord and he faithfully served our country. We had the privilege of having Col. Chitty as a professor at Albany Junior College and what an awesome teacher he was. He was also a wonderful Bible Study teacher as well. He was a man of high character that we will always remember and love. Thanks be to God for the life of Col. Chitty.

Steve & Anne Neal - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM