



## Mr. Chris Addison Obituary

February 22, 1929 - April 26, 2014

Prominent Albany businessman, Chris Addison, 85, died Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His memorial service will be at 3 PM on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. The Rev. William Collins will officiate.

Mr. Addison was born in Atlanta and attended public schools there. He owned Mid Florida Steel, Inc. in Orlando, FL, and in 1973 he bought Lewis Martin Steel, Inc. in Albany. He renamed the company Addison Steel, Inc., and owned and operated it until he sold it in 1999 to Schuff Steel. Mr. Addison also owned and operated Addison Properties in Albany, and was the former owner of Pinewood Planation. He was a member of the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Addison is survived by his wife: Olga Addison, Albany; his children: Glenda Gillett and her husband Ken, Leesburg, GA, Algier Christopher Addison and his wife Libby, Longwood, FL, Nicole Addison, Olympia, WA, Anna Addison, Atlanta; his sister: Mickey Frazier and her husband Buddy, Atlanta; his grandchildren: Doreen Desin, Leesburg, GA, Kenny Gillett and his wife Tori, Leesburg, GA, Ivy Addison, Graham Addison, and Mason Addison, all of Longwood, FL; his great grandchildren: James Morgan Gillett, Addison Lee Gillett, Kendall Desin; his longtime friend: Claudette Green, Albany.

Those desiring may send memorials to the Darton College Foundation, 2400 Gillionville Rd., Albany, GA 31707, or to Phoebe Foundation, P.O. Box 3770, Albany, GA 31706.

The family will receive friends at the residence at 3612 Club Dr.

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“ *I will miss our quiet chats on the deck. Thanks for letting me smoke a cigar. You will be missed. Everytime I look at your deck I am reminded of those special times we sat there. Thanks for being a great neighbor.*

**Mark Kishel - Roswell, GA - Friend and neighbor** - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Addison gave me my start in the steel business. He's always been good to me, He let me work out on his plantation and hunt and fish while I was out there building stuff for him. I had been planning for the last six months to go by and see him. I wish I wouldn't have put that off now, but I will see you again one day.*

**Richard Lilly - Leesburg, GA - Former Employee** - April 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“Big A”, as he was known to many of his employees was a hard working soul that certainly had a magic touch for business. I think he may have been an inspiration for the hit TV show "survivor" and created a lasting impression with all of those who crossed paths with him.

*I am sure he will be missed by all who knew him and especially his family.*

*Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are extended to all.*

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**Dean Campbell - Coral Springs, FL - Worked for Mr. Addison** - April 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked for Mr Addison for over 42 years in the Orlando office..he expected quality work, and was a fair man in return. My thoughts are with the family. Art Love

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**Art Love - Orlando, FL - Employee** - April 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Addison employed me for twelve wonderful years. While he was a very smart, sophisticated businessman who achieved substantial success... more important was the positive effect he had on so very many lives.*

*In the time that I served his company as corporate pilot he was very generous and kind to me. And I saw numerous examples of his generosity to others.*

*He expected a lot from the people in his employ...and he was generous in rewarding quality effort. I was thinking about him just a few days ago.*

*I shall pray for his swift travel to the arms of the Lord and for the comfort of his family.*

*Bob Lavery*

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**Robert P. Lavery - Grapevine, TX - Former employee - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

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“ *Olga and family - Mr. Addison always held a special place in my heart. He taught me a lot about the steel industry. He gave me opportunities which no one else did. I learned so much from him I so enjoyed working from him from 1987-1995 - He was one of a kind. Rest In Peace Mr. Addison!!*

*I pray for your entire family during this time. God bless each of you!!*

*With much love - Toni Chapman*

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**Toni Chapman - Columbia, AL - Friend - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Chris Addison, EC as I knew him, picked me up and out of a business I was part owner of in 1973. He became my mentor and friend for over 15 years of employment teaching me the skills required to survive in this business. He could be very hard but just as giving. Most of us that survived with him in those years understood the Addison banquet, as long as he was giving it to you he enjoyed it with you but if you ever reached across the table for something he had not offered he would cut your arm off. He gave many of his employees more than they could have ever imagined. He also knew the names of the children of every employee no matter what the position they held and always asked about them. I have many fond memories and I am very grateful to have been able to call him my friend , he will be sadly missed. To his family I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend his service in person but I will be there in spirit and remind you “This Too Shall Pass”

Jim Roach - Atlanta, GA - Freind and past employee - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MR ADDISON AS THE BIG "A" . THAT MAN WAS VERY TOUGH MAN, BUT ONE THING HE ALWAYS PREACHED," SON YOU GIVE ME 100% AND IT WILL PAY OFF LATER." IT DID. THANKS BOSS MAN.WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY.DAVID AND ROBIN JAMES.*

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**DAVID JAMES - TALLAHASSEE , FL - FORMER EMPLOYEE** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ My name is Gay " Mac" McPherson I worked for Mr. Addison for the most part from 1969 to 2001. I couldn't have ask for a better person to work for. I have great memories, not only as an employee of Mr. Addison, but as a personal friend as well. I know Mr. Addison will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. May God comfort you all.*

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**Mac McPherson - Apopka, FL - Friend/Employee** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I worked for Addison Steel for about 10 years until Mr. Addison closed the Atlanta office. Mr. Addison was always good to me and treated me fairly. He had a big heart that some may not have seen, but I did. While I was in Birmingham burying my Dad, my one and only granddaughter was run over in Cumming, GA and was in ICU and CCU for a week or two. Mr. Addison never missed a day (weekends included) calling me to check on how she was doing and offered to help in any way he could. He may not have known how much that meant to me. I was proud to say that I had worked for him and to call him my friend. Rest in Peace Mr. Addison! My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends as I know they will miss you greatly.

*I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the memorial, but I will be there in spirit. God Bless all of you!*

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**Betty Butcher - Buford, GA - Friend/Employee** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Addison's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Daveen Aubin - Orlando, FL - former employee** - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Mr Addison was a special man to me, he always asked about our kids and genuinely cared about about how we all where doing. He was a tough ol bird (but he had a great heart) but very fair and straight forward, the 25+ years that I worked for him where great years! I kinda thought we made a pretty good pair. We survived some tough times, we laughed and we cried but always pressed on.*

*He provided a income and a nice living for many people throught the southeast, I for one will always be grateful for having had the pleasure of his wisdom! He made a difference!*

*My condolences to all the family members, I know you will miss "the ol man" as I affectionalty called him.*

*I am trying to make the Tuesday services if I don't make it you can count in some prayers coming from our family to yours at such a tough time.*

*Hang in there god bless you all*

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**Glen Davis - Orlando, FL - Former employee and friend - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM**