



Mr. Clem Bernard Rakel

March 2, 1920 - January 2, 2017

Clem Bernard Rakel OBIT

Mr. Clem B. Rakel, 96, a lifelong resident of Albany, died on Monday January 2, 2017. He was the son of the late William J. and Carrie Posey Rakel. Mr. Rakel was a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy during World War II, serving in Brazil for 18 months. He worked in the insurance business for more than 60 years and was Secretary-Treasurer of the Warren and Brimberry Agency for most of his career. Mr. Rakel was well known in the local sports community. He was an all-star quarterback for Albany High School and survived a life threatening neck injury in a game in Valdosta in 1936. He was an official for the Georgia High School Football Association for 18 years and held various leadership positions in the old Albany Touchdown Club, including president in 1959. He was an avid golfer and a long-time member of Doublegate Country Club.

Mr. Rakel was an active member of the Albany community. He served twice as president of the Albany Lions Club and was inducted into the Lions of Georgia Hall of Fame. He was president of the Albany Association of Independent Insurance Agents, president of the St. Teresa's Parish Council and member of the St. Teresa's School Board. He was vice-president of the Westover High School booster club and in his later years served on the Dougherty County Board of Tax Equalization. He also served as Assistant Poll Manager for the Board of Elections.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Petty Rakel, a sister, Madeline Rakel Mock and brothers William J. Rakel, Jr. and J. Paul Rakel. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Al and Mary Jane Rakel of Tucker, Georgia, a sister, Catherine Rakel Bowick of Columbus, Georgia and 20 nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 1 o'clock at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with the Reverend Ray Levreault officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Dawson Ga. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Teresa's Catholic School, 417 Edgewood Lane, Albany Ga. 31707. To share a memory with the Rakel family or sign the online guestbook please visit, www.kimbrellstern.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Dawson

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Visitation

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Clem Bernard Rakel*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Clem Bernard Rakel*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Al, I was very sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Randy Merchant*

Randy Merchant - January 05, 2017 at 04:42 PM



Al, I am sorry about your Dad. I am glad I got to see him just a couple of days before he died. As usual he was caring up until the last minute inquiring about my Dad and sending his regards. Unfortunately My Dad and I will not be able to attend his service as my dad had a bad day yesterday and I spent my daytime sleeping hours helping. (I am now working midnight shift again and 11am is in the middle of my night.)

My Dad did laugh the other day when thinking of Clem going back to school after his football injury. Just two little eyes could be seen because of all the bandages around his head.

Al, call or email... if you come to town so I can try and see you.

Mike Keenan (and Walter Keenan)

Mike Keenan - January 11, 2017 at 08:06 PM