



Dermot Q. Hedrick Obituary

March 28, 1917 - September 18, 2005

Mr. Dermot Quincy (DQ) Hedrick, 88, a longtime resident of Albany, died Sunday, September 18, 2005, at Alabaster Healthcare Center in Alabaster, Alabama. The funeral will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home in Albany, GA. The Rev. Sinclair Lewis will officiate. Mr. Hedrick attended schools in Albany and nearby Leesburg, graduating from Leesburg HS in 1936. After graduation from South Georgia College in Douglas, and a year at Duke University in North Carolina, he joined the Air Force, was stationed locally at Turner Air Force Base, rising to the rank of Master Sergeant, and served as an aid-de-camp during World War II. In 1945, he met and married Wilma Webb of Jackson, MS, subsequently joining the family business of H.H. Hedrick & Sons Real Estate & Insurance. Building a house on Eighth Avenue, the couple raised their two children there. After retiring from real estate brokerage and appraisal duties in 1989, Mr. Hedrick began a second career in "quiet volunteerism" which earned him the Albany Exchange Club's 50th Golden Deeds Award in 1998. For eight years he delivered Meals On Wheels twice a week for the SOWEGA Council on Aging with his constant companion, Sweet Pea, his flamboyant dachshund. He was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Albany, and more recently, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Columbiana. He soon added a weekly round of visits to the patients in the Alzheimer's Caregiver Time Out (ACTO) program. By 1998, Mr. Hedrick and his sidekick were energizing the Dougherty County School System's "Partners in

Excellence Program" by volunteering his reading services (and her comic talents) to elementary classes at five schools. A native of Lexington, NC, Mr. Hedrick was born on March 28, 1917. His family relocated to this area in January, 1919, traveling by Model T Ford, where he resided until relocating to Columbiana in 2002. He is survived by his wife Wilma W. Hedrick of Columbiana, son Daniel C. Hedrick and wife Beth of Columbiana, and daughter Betty Sue Hedrick and husband Gabriel Thy of Washington, DC; two grandchildren, Stacy H. Walkup and husband Kevin of Columbiana, and Daniel Quincy Hedrick of Norfolk, VA; two sisters Ruth H. Reese of London, KY, and Sara H. Moore of Yuma, AZ; and one great-grandchild Grant Walkup. Preceding Mr. Hedrick in passing were his parents Harvey Harrison Hedrick, Sr. and Sara Bessie Hedrick; his brothers Harvey H. Hedrick, Jr., Frank H. Hedrick, Robert D. Hedrick, his sisters Florence D. Hedrick and Mary Elizabeth Hedrick. In lieu of sending flowers, the family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the SOWEGA Council on Aging, Meals On Wheels program at 1105 Palmyra Road, Albany, GA, 31701.

Tribute Wall



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“ *I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Dermot's death. He was such a kind and humorous man. His gentle nature with his pets will always be a special memory of mine. My deepest sympathy to Aunt Wilma, Dan, Sue, and families.*

Mary Ann Hedrick Cox - October 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *To my Uncle Dermot, you are one of the most important figures through my life, and I will miss you. I love you.*

Gail Hedrick Murphy - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My Uncle Dermot was definitely an integral part of the 'Greatest Generation' and will be missed by this community. I can remember the time one of my friends asked my Uncle Dermot what his initials 'DQ' stood for, and without blinking an eye he said, "Damn Quick"!

I love you Uncle Dermot and I'll see you in Heaven one day. You will be missed by many. May God Bless Dermot Hedrick.

Jackson Murphy - September 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We have fond memories of Mr. Hedrick and sweet pea visiting our Pre-K Class at Deerfield Windsor School. They made books come to life and so much fun. He was so special to us.

Ann Hart & Elmina C. Jordan - September 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Mr. Hedrick and Peturnia and Sweet Pea meant so much to me and my students. We were so blessed to have known him.

Kathy Glass - September 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Wilma, I'm thinking of you and your family. Our families have fond memories of camping together.
Love, Lallie

Lallie Jones Benkoski - September 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am sorry to hear of the death of Dermot. He was a good man and will be missed by many. I am in sorry that I will be unable to attend the memorial service as I am in Atlanta on business. Best regards --
Bill

Bill Hedrick - September 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Where do I begin to tell you what Dermot meant to us and how he touched out lives.
Paul remembers so well the fellowship share with Dermot as he and Dermont painted the Janie Flint Lodge at our church camp Kamp Kirsey. They both liked to brag they put 15 gallons of paint on the Lodge in one day.
We were in the flood of 1994 here in Albany. Paul had a shop filled with screws, drill bits that spent several days under water. During the clean up Dermont sat on a stool and wiped dry and oiled all the screws and bits. But the sight I treasure most is our two granddaughters age 4 and 6 sitting by him as he worked and hearing Dermont tell them the story of the Three Little Pigs. Dermot was a "bridge builder" to so many people, and touched so many live with love, care and compassion.
We count having called Dermont our friend one of our greatest blessing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult.

Paul and Nan Jones - September 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM