



## Frank Wetherbee

April 3, 1935 - February 10, 2025

Francis Putney Wetherbee Jr. born April 3, 1935, in Albany, Georgia to Francis and Patty

Wetherbee at Phoebe Putney memorial Hospital died comfortably and peacefully at home

Monday February 10, 2025. He was Frank to all and attended Woodberry Forest High School in

Orange, Virginia then Georgia Tech. After serving his country in the Marine Corp, and coming to

his senses, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a Forestry Degree and Forester

Registration Number 592 in 1963.

Frank went on to become a pecan grower and innovative icon in the industry.

He was the first to

irrigate a pecan orchard in 1968, had the second mechanical harvester in the state and was a

founding partner in Nut Tree Pecan Company, a privately owned shelling co-op. He was

instrumental in securing federally backed pecan crop insurance and was president of many

industry associations, some for several times. He was a true pioneer in the industry with too many

innovations to list that still benefit to this day.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years Edith Maria Gomez Wetherbee of Barranquilla, Columbia. He will be missed by his six children, twelve Grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother Roland James Wetherbee and preceded in death by his sisters Sally Hunt Wetherbee and Meta Young Crane. He was loved by many surviving cousins, nieces, nephews, but mostly by Patty, his four-legged constant companion and quail hunting buddy.

Frank was a fixture at the YMCA all his life and will be missed by many friends there and in the Albany community. He was known to all as a man of great integrity, generosity, dedication to his causes and kindness to his friends and acquaintances. His example had a great and positive impact on all who knew him well and understood that he got more like himself every day.

This servant of Christ will be lifted up by family and friends and laid to rest 11:00 Friday February, 14 in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery in Albany, Georgia. Lord, we leave him in your care with his name in the book of life.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Patricia Johnson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frank Wetherbee.



Patricia Johnson - February 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ Patricia Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Wetherbee.

Patricia Johnson - February 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Wetherbee.



February 12, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Wetherbee.



February 11, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frank Wetherbee.*



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February 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM



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