



## Mr. George "Spec" Dozier Obituary

June 13, 1922 - January 29, 2013

G. G. "Spec" Dozier, 90, of Albany, died Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Morningside Assisted Living.

His funeral service will be at 11 AM Friday, February 1, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Don Kea and the Rev. Dr. Don Adams will officiate.

Spec Dozier was born in Coleman, GA, and had lived in Albany since 1943. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Mr. Dozier was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. He participated in the Central Burma Campaign and received the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Service Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with one Bronze Star. After World War II, he played catcher with the Atlanta Crackers minor league baseball team. Following his days as a player, he managed in the Grapefruit League in Miami and St. Petersburg. He retired from baseball in 1952 and bought the Grace Property on Dawson Rd. and developed the Merry Acres Motel which became the first franchised Quality Courts Motels in the State of Georgia. Mr. Dozier, along with his family, owned and operated Merry Acres, which included 3 hotels, a restaurant, and a residential and commercial development company. The hotels included the Merry Acres Quality Inn, a six time award winning property, the Sleep Inn, and the Comfort Suites. He served on the Board of Directors of Quality Court Hotel, now Choice Hotels International from 1953-1971. The residential

management company developed over 5 residential subdivisions in Albany, including Merry Acres, Merry Acres West, Westwood, Northwood, Plantation West, and Briarcrest. Mr. Dozier was one of the founding trustees of Deerfield Windsor School, and helped develop the Happy House in Albany. His children fondly remember that he loved his family, and that he put his family first. Mr. Dozier was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Grace Dozier, 2 brothers, and 4 sisters.

Mr. Dozier is survived by a son: Gerry Dozier and his wife Rosemary, Albany; a daughter: Gail Dozier Stanfill and her husband Bill, Albany; 4 grandchildren: Jon Dozier and his wife Jennifer, Albany, Jessica Dozier Sines and her husband Stephen, Palm City, FL, Kristin Stanfill, Atlanta, Scott Stanfill and his wife Amber, Albany; 4 great grandchildren: Gracen Dozier, Harrison Dozier, Hadley Fincher, and Caroline Fincher; a brother: Don Dozier and his wife Carol, Albany; and several nieces and nephew.

The family wishes to thank Albany Community Hospice and Morningside Assisted Living for the care and concern given to Mr. Dozier during his illness. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday (Today), January 31, 2013 from 5-7 PM.

Those desiring may send memorials to First United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, or to Albany Community Hospice, 320 Foundation Ln., Albany, GA 31721.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Interment

FEB 1 (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
307 Flint Ave  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George "Spec" Dozier Obituary*

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“ *Mr. George "Spec" Dozier Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. George "Spec" Dozier Obituary*



**Elena Taylor** - November 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM

KG

“ Gerry and Gail,  
On Saturday, I learned from Mary Dale and Don of your Dad's death. If I had known sooner, I would have tried to be at his service. What a precious relationship our parents shared! I like to think of them now sharing joyous times in eternity. I will be thinking of you in the days ahead, as you deal with your loss. May God bless you and your families.

In His love,  
Katherine

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**Katherine Wilson Johnson - Macon, GA** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Gerry, I just saw this & want you & your family to know how very sorry we are for your loss. I Mr. Spec on different occasions. At times at your when I ate there Alb. Kiwanis Club I uwas a member of & the Tuesday Lions Club. I also saw him at times at Deerfield while my daughter Lori Erwin aattended school there. Lori me if you would tell your family she is very sorry & is praying for your family to have peace knowing he is now w/Jesus. I have fond memories of Mr. Spec. He truely was a gentlemañ's gentlemañ, & a joy to be around. I lost my Mama July 4,th ladt year so lcan say I know your family's pain. I know you are very proud of your dad & I hope you know that he did a great job teaching you a gentlemans ways. I am praying for you & your family for comfort & condolences. Love & Blessings

Carole Langley Erwin Kenny  
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**Carole Erwin Kenny - St. Petersburg, FL - friend** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you know God's unexplainable peace be with you during your time of grief and sorrow. Gerry and Gail - your Dad's legacy lives on through his loving family. A TRUE Southern gentleman, a visionary business man with strong loyalty and dedication to his to God, Family, Country and Community. " Thanks for the memories".

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**Deane Lamb-Ellis - Cordele, GA - Children's Classmate** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ To all the Dozies  
I am so deeply saddened for your loss. I truly loved Mr Spec he was a very special person. The saving grace is that he is now very happy with Mama Jean up in heaven.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time!

Kristi.

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**Kristi Brooks - Leesburg, GA - Employee** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We both want to share your loss of such a great person "Mr Spec" was. We sure enjoyed him as our pt. We love ya'll & your in our prayers.  
Your Friends,  
Sheryl & Debbie @  
Coumadin Clinic/AIM

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**Sheryl Nichols - albany, GA - friends** - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Gerry and Gail, Please know that you and all of your families are in my thoughts and prayers! Your Dad was one of the "Greatest Generation", as was my Daddy. I know they are swapping war stories in Heaven! Your father left a wonderful legacy for you and your family! I know how much you will miss him!  
Debbie TenHagen Sutton

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**Debbie TenHagen Sutton - Albany, GA - friend** - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM