



George M. Kirkland, Jr. Obituary

June 25, 1911 - February 13, 2009

A native of Waycross, GA, he had lived in Albany since 1947 and was a charter member and Elder Emeritus at Covenant Presbyterian Church, attended public school in Waycross and the University of Georgia. During WWII, he served with the American Red Cross for five years in England, India Burma, China and Japan as Director of Military Welfare Service in CBI Theater, Director of Club Services for Far East Theater and assistant to Commissioner of Far East Theater in Tokyo. Entering the real estate business in October, 1947 as co-founder of Walden and Kirkland, Realtors, Inc. which he was affiliated with for over 60 years where he was Chairman of Board for several years. He had several business affiliations including former Director of Georgia Northern Railway Co. (now Norfolk Southern) former Director and member of the advisory committee at First State Bank and Trust Co., past president of Albany Board of Realtors and Georgia Association of Realtors, Inc., past vice-president of the National Association of Realtors, member and past president of Georgia Chapter of the society of Industrial and Office Realtors. He was also very active in civic activities; past president and director with Albany Area Chamber of Commerce; member of Georgia Chamber of Commerce; member of Industrial Development Commission, Georgia Business Council; Director and Past Chairman, Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross, Advisory Board member, Southern Region of the American Red Cross; past president of the Albany Lions Club; member of Albany Rotary Club; life member Advisory Committee of The Salvation Army;

served for 18 years as Chairman of the Advisory Commission for Albany Area Vocational Technical School and member of the Foundation; past president of the Girl Scouts of America Inc.; past officer of the Boy Scouts of America; Inc. former Board member at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and member of Phoebe Foundation. Mr. Kirkland was honored by the State of Georgia as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2004. He was preceded in death three sisters, Virginia Kirkland Mullis, Evelyn Kirkland Compton and Dorothy Kirkland Snow. Survivors include his wife, Carol Forrester Kirkland, children, Ethelyn Stokes Underwood and her husband Johnny of Fitzgerald, GA, Richard Hamilton Stokes and his wife Amy of Lilburn, GA, Thomas Fulton Stokes and his wife Cheryl of Jacksonville, FL, the grandchildren, Raymond Lee Mann, III Esquire and his wife Sheila of Atlanta, GA, Dr. Thomas Richard Mann and his wife Natalie of Fitzgerald, GA, Dr. Jennifer Stokes Draut and husband Jason of El Cerrito, CA, Dr. Todd Hamilton Stokes of Atlanta, GGA, Kimberly Stokes Rumble and her husband Pat of Jacksonville, FL, his sisters, Louise Kirkland Holman and husband Henry of Albany, Betty Kirkland Strickland an husband Ronald of Roswell, GA an a number of nieces and nephews. Those desiring may make memorials to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross or the Albany Community Hospice. My grandfather George was an unique and exceptional person. I have never met anyone else like him. He had a big, broad smile, and he was almost always smiling. He had a hearty laugh, and he laughed a lot. He had a warm but firm handshake, and he held your hand longer than most people when he shook it. George loved life. He loved nature. Most of all, he loved people. He loved his mother, Big Mama, and he cared for her for the last 30 years of her life after she lost her sight. He loved his sisters and their husbands and their children and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved my grandmother Carol and she loved him. Their love for each other was deep and unquestioning and eternal. He loved his children and his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. When I brought my boys to see George three weeks ago, when things were not going well at all for him, he

still flashed his big smile and insisted on play-boxing with th

Tribute Wall



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“ *This is a note from Marie Shackelford and me (Fran Dunn) to send love. We loved George as well as you. Marie has known you both almost forever and I am blessed to have known ou both too. We want to say how sorry we over your loss of George. He surely has had a long and productive life. I feel sure the good Lord is enjoying George now. But we will surely miss him. We love you and will be praying for you.
Marie and Fran*

Frances Dunn - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wish we could have been there!! Thinking of everyone!! George had a very good life!!!! He will be missed!!!! But, there is always good memories!!!!*

Pamela A. Mallo & family - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and our prayers are with you. May God give you peace and comfort.*

Mary & Ray Newman Jr. - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mr. Kirkland was a true southern gentleman in every way. I will always remember his encouraging words to me as I worked with the Covenant Youth. This fine man will certainly be missed by many*

Jan Robinson - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. I did not know George, but it seems he lived life that will be an inspiration to all of us. Love Beverly*

Beverly Card - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My condolences to the family*

Billy C. DuRant - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Carol,
It is late Sunday afternoon, and I have just found out about George's death. I am so sorry. I wish I could be there with all of you tomorrow, but considering the hour's difference in time and the 3-hour drive, we just can't make it. My love to you and yours.*

Gay

Gay Forrester Phillips - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Thinking of you today and sending our sympathy.*

Connie and Jim Parrott - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Mr. Kirkland was one of a kind! He was one of the sweetest, most genuine people I have ever met. When I was having a hard time in life, he still had faith in me. He told me "No matter what, you my dear will go far in life, you are a joy to be around". I have much respect for him and it is an honor to be associated with Walden and Kirkland! He and his visits will be missed. The Kirkland family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Amanda Hoxsie - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *What can you say about a man who was bigger than life? George Kirkland, singly, did more for this part of the state, than anyone I have ever known. He was a friend, a mentor, and a great advocate for our part of the state. Truly, we will all miss him very, very much. My love to all the family.*

Patsy Martin - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM