

Gordon Pannell

November 23, 1928 - August 5, 2023

Gordon Pannell, age 94, of Lee County, Ga passed through death into eternity on August 5, 2023 and is now face to face with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 10:00am at Crown Hill Cemetery. Pastor Butch Knight and Pastor Pete Daughtry will officiate.

Gordon was born November 23, 1928, in Bon Air, Alabama to Johnnie Newton and Beulah Justice Pannell. After the family moved to Worth County, he attended Worth County High School. Always athletic, he played on the school basketball team, football team and participated in track and field events. He enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school serving from 1948 to 1952 and was promoted to Sergeant. Gordon returned to Albany after the Corps and married Anita Nelson. They were married for 59 years until her death in October of 2012. He owned and worked at Standard Plumbing together with his brother, Winston, for approximately 15 years, after which he continued the business himself until retirement. Gordon joined First Baptist Church of Albany in 1977 where he was a tireless servant and volunteer. His cheerful smile, laughter and firm handshake greeted members each Sunday for many years. He loved and enjoyed his church and his church family. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying to and attending air shows across the country, often times with his nephew, John Leiter. He never missed an opportunity to spend time with his brother, William, and his son in law, James, on the water

fishing. He and our Mom loved working in their yard together and spent many years making and keeping it a beautiful place to enjoy. His Bible could always be found close by wherever he sat at home and as a family, we will all miss hearing his prayers of thanksgiving and praise as we gathered together.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Anita, brothers, William Pannell, Charles Ray Pannell, Lavon Pannell, Roger Pannell, Winston Pannell, sister, Mildred Christie and son in law, Joe Woody.

He is survived by sons Keith Pannell (Kim) of Dawson, Ga., Glenn Pannell (Katrena) of Lee County, Ga., daughters Pam Allen (Steve) of Lee County, Ga., Patti Christian (James) of Cape Coral, Fl., Kelly Epperson (Eddie) of Lee County, Ga., four granddaughters, Emily Christian, Crystal Howe (Josh), Zoe Epperson, Erin Epperson and great grandchildren, Bentley, Anabelle and Aria Howe; sisters Fran Leiter of Doerun, Ga., Dorothy Elizabeth (Cookie) Kirksey of Albany, Ga., Jo Carole Lewis (Carl) of Villa Rica, Ga., and brother, Mark Pannell (Becky) of Lee County, Ga., and many nieces and nephews. Special appreciation is extended to dear friends, Charles and Janice Sheppard, Tom and Julie Walker, and caregiver, Beverly Fenton. The family's heartfelt thanks are extended to the many loving hands and staff at Oaks and Horizons for their compassion and care for our Daddy. We also extend our thanks to the staff at Phoebe Hospice, especially his nurse, Dawn Ellis, Val Pickett, Veronica Fudge, Chaplain Joseph, our sister, Kelly, and all of the other unseen Hospice heroes who work so tirelessly to bring comfort and help to the families.

Our Daddy met no strangers and was a friend to everyone he met. Those who wish to honor his memory may make donations to First Baptist Church of Albany, 145 Oakland Parkway, Leesburg, Ga 31763 or Samaritan's Purse, P O Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Tribute Wall

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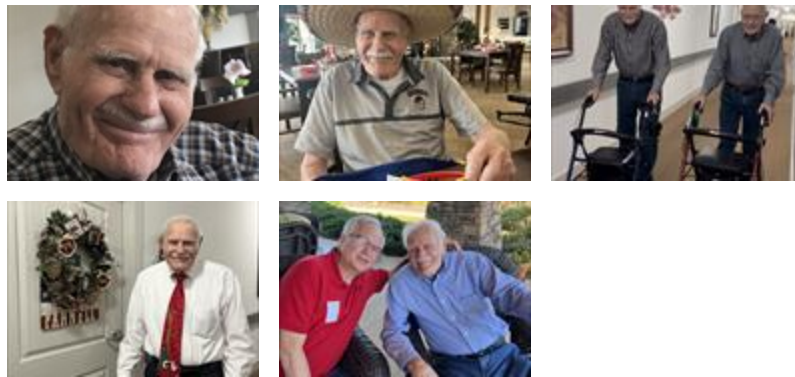
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Pam Allen - August 15, 2023 at 12:57 PM

PA

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Pam Allen - August 13, 2023 at 02:50 PM

CB

“ Keith, Pam, Glenn, Patti, & Kelly:

Your father was a fine man to whom I looked up to during our many years together at First Baptist Albany. Not only did I look forward to his strong handshake every Sunday, but I cherished his greeting of "My friend!" every time I saw him. We both arrived at church on Sunday mornings very early and my goal was to get there before my friend Gordon. I'll just say, I had to get there before 6:45 am if I wanted to get there before he did.

I'll miss your dad.

Chris Butts - August 10, 2023 at 06:49 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Gordon was always the sweetest and I have such fond memories growing up next door of both him and your mom. I will never forget how he used to come next door and air up my bike tires (same for my brothers) when I was younger without me even asking. That is just one of the many thoughtful things that he used to do. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sending love your way. -Carie (Brown) Medlin

Carie (Brown) Medlin - August 09, 2023 at 07:52 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss.
Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dwain & Janet Weaver



Dwain and Janet Weaver - August 08, 2023 at 03:39 PM

AP

“ My sweet Uncle Gordon. For as long as I remember, he never failed to call me by my name, even though he had 20 or so other nieces and nephews' names to recall. I will miss his warm smile and bear hug. Family reunions won't be the same without him.

Andrea Pannell - August 08, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ One of the nicest gentleman I ever met. Prayers for the family..

Smitty Johnson - August 08, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JS

“ Pam,
So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great man and very good and helpful to me when I had my Home Improvement business in Albany. Treasure the great memories of a wonderful man and I'm sure dad. My prayers for you! John Sikes

John Sikes - August 07, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gordon Pannell.



August 07, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Pannell.*



August 07, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video*



Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors - August 07, 2023 at 01:02 PM

ES

What a great guy! I always looked forward to seeing him!

Ernest Smith - August 07, 2023 at 09:59 PM

ME

Pam, I am so sorry for your loss . Your daddy was such a kind man . You and your family have always been such loving and caring people to all around you . I am blessed to know all of you and I will be praying for you to have peace and comfort as you go through this season in life .

Love , Marcia Eubanks ❤️

marcia eubanks - August 09, 2023 at 11:44 PM