



H. Forrest Russell, Jr. Obituary

May 9, 1928 - December 24, 2010

A native of Dawson, GA Mr. Russell has lived most of his life in Albany where he was a member of First Baptist Church and was retired and retired with 25 years of service from Nationwide Insurance Company. Mr. Russell was a member of Stonebridge Country Club, Exchange Club of Albany and was on the Board of Directors for Phoebe Volunteers. Mr. Russell will always be remembered for the love and devotion he gave to his family, church, volunteering, wood carving and the Exchange Club of Albany. Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Forrest and Addie Lee Peak Russell, Sr., brother, Elwood Russell and a sister, Margaret Wiggerman. Survivors include his wife, Mary W. Russell of Albany, son, Rusty Russell of Albany, daughters, Becky Clark of Marietta, GA and Kathy W. Parker of Grayson, GA, eight grandchildren, special nieces and nephews, Cindy Aubin, Chris Haughey and Joe Wiggerman.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ I came to sign the guestbook and now the words won't come. I've always loved Uncle Forrest because of the special peaceful love that I've always felt in his smile, eyes, handshake and embrace. The Bible says it all, being in our absence means being in the presence of Jesus and that's exactly where my Uncle Forrest is now. His face I feel strongly will be one of the first, other than my Granny Peak, that I'll see when my special day comes. I pray for comfort and peace for you all in this time of great sorrow. Rusty and family, if you need anything please don't hesitate to call.

Craig Peak - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Always enjoyed his company when we were together at Nationwide meeting and functions. Best discription....He was a true southern gentleman.

Joe Taylor----Nationwide, Augusta, GA - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Will keep Russell family in our prayers...

Tony knight with Nationwide - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless you and keep you

Anne Rothscild - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*Mary, We are so sorry to hear about Forest. I just got word today. I know he wasn't in the best health, but he seemed to be doing all right the last time I saw him. Will be praying for you and family.*

John and Nettawyl Davis - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*Dearest Mary, Gene and I send our love and prayers to you and family. Forest was such a wonderful christian. I am so thankful I had a chance to talk with him again on wed. night at church when we took Mother. God bless, Lucia Ellis Brantley*

Lucia Ellis Brantley - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HD

“*We will always remember one of the best. A.H.S class of 1946.
Herbert & Marcia Denford*

Herbert Denford - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Dear Family:My name is Francis Marion Hay and I am a second cousin of Forest's. I live in Moultrie, Georgia. Forest's Father, Henry Forest, was my first cousin and my Father, John Melton Hay's Nephew. Forest Sr. visited his Uncle Melton quiet often as a kid growing up in Albany. I knew Elwood really good and was in the Shriners with him. I did not know Forest personally until about a year ago when I met and sat by him at an Albany High School dinner function that is held quarterly at Blackbeards restaurant. He and his wife Mary were there and my wife Marilyn and I had a nice visit with the two of them reminising about our family, especially the Hay side of the Russell family that originated with my father's sister Daisy who married a Russell. We had planned to get back together at some time in the future but it appears now that it will have to wait. I was truly sorry to hear of Forest's passing and only learned of it this morning from a friend in Albany. Had I heard about it in time we would surely have been at the funeral. Give the entire family our condolences and we wish the family the best in the days ahead.Marion & Marilyn Hay

Francis Marion Hay - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are sorry we could not make the Service. If there is anything we can do please let us know. We Love ya'll and are Praying for ya'll.

Jimmy & Crystal Peak Family - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ To Rusty and family, I am so sorry about the death of Mr. Forest. what a fine man he was. I feel blessed that I gor to know him as a friend. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

bobby tripp - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *Mr. Russell was a wonderful Christian and person. Prayers for the Russell family during this difficult time.*

Bill Turner III - December 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Rusty, Sam & Forrest, you and your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy, Clay & Matt Barfield*

Kathy , Clay & Matt Barfield - December 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Rusty, you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Give your Mom a hug for me.*

Ann Morton - December 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mrs. Mary, Sending our heart felt expressions to you and your family. Love to you and yours, Don and Carol*

Don and Carol Moore - December 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Rusty, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May your fond memories of your father and strength found only in our Heavenly Father bring you peace, strength, and comfort. With Deepest Sympathy, Lynn C. Miller*

Lynn Miller - December 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Forrest was one of a kind. He was always upbeat and had a smile on his face that would light up a room. I remember his contribution to the Exchange Club of Albany and his church. He was a very special man and will be missed greatly. God be with Mary, Rusty, Becky, Kathy and all the grandchildren as you celebrate the "Homegoing" of a great man. We will miss him.

Bill & Beth Banks - December 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM