



J. W. "Dub" Flowers Obituary

March 23, 1925 - July 16, 2013

J.W. "Dub" Flowers, 88, of Albany died Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Willson Hospice House.

Born March 23, 1925 in Liberty County Georgia, Dub was one of ten children born to Arlie Orr and Annilu Jones Flowers. He graduated from Bradwell Institute and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with the 106th Infantry Division in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. After leaving the army, he graduated from Mercer University, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and served as President of the "M Club" athletic organization. At Mercer, he met his wife, Carleen, and they were married in June 1953. They recently celebrated 60 years of happy marriage.

A celebration of his life will be held Friday, July 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Sherwood Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Crown Hill cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, July 18 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern. In lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions may be made to the "Meet the Need Campaign" at Sherwood Baptist Church 2201 Whispering Pines Road Albany, Georgia 31707, or to a charity of your choice.

Dub worked in the field of education for 33 years in the public schools of Calhoun and Dougherty Counties serving as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, assistant principal and then principal for Westover High School.

During these 33 years, he impacted countless young people and adults. In his 15 years as a coach, his teams won three state championships and seven region championships in basketball, track and field, and baseball. He was an active member of numerous educational organizations. During the last 18 years of his professional career, he served as a consultant for the Georgia Accrediting Commission, receiving the Starr Miller Distinguished Service Award for leadership.

Even after retirement, Dub continued to be involved in activities centered on helping members of the community. He served as President for the Dougherty County Retired Teachers Association, as well as President for the Georgia Retired Teachers Association. He also served and volunteered with Mended Hearts Club at Phoebe Putney Hospital, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, SOWEGA Council on Aging, AARP 55/Alive Driving Instructor and Coordinator, United Way, and Georgia's Silver Haired Legislature as a Representative and then Senator.

For 42 years, Dub served on the Board of Directors for DOCO Credit Union, the last 24 years as chairman. He loved working with the Credit Union and its members, and remained actively involved with DOCO until the time of his death. In his spare time, Dub enjoyed all aspects of hunting and sharing his hunting knowledge with his grandsons and friends. In 1989, he was named Conservationist of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation, having also served as President.

Above all, Dub was devoted to his family and his Lord. Dub and Carleen have been members of Sherwood Baptist Church for 44 years, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and a Sunday School teacher for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Margarite Flowers in 1958, and

by his nine brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Carleen Newell Flowers; one daughter, Leah Flowers Sowell and her husband Greg of Athens, GA; one son, James Wesley Flowers, Jr. and his wife Gina of Duluth, GA; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sherwood Baptist Church
2201 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *J. W. "Dub" Flowers Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *J. W. "Dub" Flowers Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *TRUE FRIEND & GREAT TEACHER & COACH*

MIKE GOSS - LEESBURG, GA - FRIEND & 1967 GRADUATE CCHS - January 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Carlene, We enjoyed our time of fellowship in Albany, Ga with you and Dub. He was a wonderful teacher and friend. He will be missed by many.*

roy & Lucy wiard - Perry,, GA - friends - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Carlene & Family,*

Our hearts broke to hear of Dub's passing. He was such a special man and is part of many fond memories for Hampton and his family. Words will not help the hurt go away, but I hope that with time, the memories you all shared will replace the heartache you feel.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy, Hampton & the boys.

Dorothy & Hampton Hardee - Geneva, FL - Friend - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Dearest cousin Carlene, Leah, Wes and family,*

I was so sorry to hear of this beautiful soul passing on. He was such a wonderful person in so many ways, and will be remembered as such by all who knew him. My heart is with you and yours as you pass through these difficult days of healing. You are always in my prayers. God will comfort you and see you through. Much Love, Piper and David Johnson

Piper Johnson - Cleveland, GA - cousin - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Ms Flowers, It has been many years since having spent time in your classroom for algebra. I knew you and your husband from Westover High School and Albany Jr High. I know you will miss your friend and soulmate. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are for you and your family, that time brings comfort, memories galore of the happy moments, and that peace will reign in your hearts. Hugsss ,love sent to you from Atlanta, Alisa Anderson Penrod*

alisa anderson penrod - Atlanta, GA - friend - July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *As Asst. Principal at WHS Mr. Flowers definitely had a positive impact on me. He was a good man and wonderful educator. I still reflect on his influence.*

John George - Bluffton, SC - student - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *So sorry to hear of Dub's passing. He will be missed in GREA. Thinking of you Carlene and sending up prayers for you and family.*

James Johnston - Griffin , GA - Friend of family - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *On one of the hardest days of your life the Lord puts others believers in your path. I found out Mr. Dub Flowers was 2 doors down from my dad. Carlene wasn't there yet so I visited with Wesley & sweet Gina. What a blessing. I did get to see and hug Mrs. Carlene. You all are in our prayers.*

*Blessings,
Pam*

Pam Fallin - Sasser, GA - friend - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *"Miss" Carleen
You and Mr. Dub influenced our family in so many ways that has certainly blessed our lives. Your example and willingness to share your talents and skills were inspirational. Our family shared a love of basketball and even math with you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We recently lost Mama. I know she and Mr. Dub are shooting hoops and catching up. Take care. All our love from Annette, Connie, and Mariwilla*

Mariwilla Shippey Tindall - Tallahassee, FL - student - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Morgan Johnston - Albany, GA - friend - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Mr. Flowers was my high school principal at Westover High. I later had the privilege of joining the same church at Sherwood Baptist in Albany. Mr. Flower was an awesome Principal and even sweeter brother in Christ! Please know how much he will be missed.

Reese Family

Eric Conrad Reese - Albany, GA - Student of Westover High - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Aunt Carleen, Leah and Wesley;

I will always cherish the warm memories I have of being at your home during various family gatherings. During these times I came to know Uncle Dub as a patient and kind man, a wonderful soul. I wish I was able to be with you as you remember him and celebrate his life. Please know that we are keeping you in our prayers .

*Love,
Angel, Dan Miles and Vivienne*

Angel Turner-Reed - Raleigh, NC - Cousin - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our sympathies to the entire Flowers family. Especially to Leah and Greg and the children. We were sorry to learn of Mr. Flowers death and wanted let let you know that you are in our prayers. May God give you comfort and strength during third time of sadness for your family.

Love,
Jim & Sandy Donovan

Jim and Sandy Donovan - Tifton, GA - Friends of Leah and Greg - July 19, 2013
at 12:00 AM

JF

“ A deep respect and appreciation for Mr. Flowers. He was such an important part of my high school years....a teacher and friend...and he certainly meant the world to my husband Newman.

Joye Tye - Albany, GA - Friend - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Sor sorry to hear of Coach's passing. He truly inspired a lot of young men and women to make themselves better than who they thought they could be.

He will be missed.

Fred Bailey - Edison, GA - Former Student - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Carlene, We are so sorry to hear about Dub's death. We are in North Carolina on vacation. Please know that I always cherished my relationship with Dub. He was a great coach and very willingly took me under his wing when I didn't have a clue what I was doing. He took me home and fed me lunch during pre-planning each year. Kay and I both send our deepest sympathies to you and your family, and will try to see you soon after we return. With much love, Chuck and Kay Cowart*

Chuck and Kay Cowart - Arlington, GA - Friend - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *We are blessed to be longtime friends of Greg and Leah and we are praying for you all. Mr. Flowers leaves a remarkable legacy in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Truly, great is his reward.*

Paul and Suzanne Chambers - Athens, GA - friend of Leah and Greg Sowell - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mr. Dub will be greatly missed.He was the kind of man that when you speak,or hear his name spoken it always brings a smile to your face.our thoughts and prayers are with Mrsb . Carleen ,and family.*

Mike Wolfe - Albany , GA - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Mrs. Flowers, Wesley and the Flowers family- we were saddened to hear about Mr. Flowers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

Henry and Suzanne Stern - Sharpsburg, GA - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ To you, Carleen, and all your family we offer our warmest condolences and love during this time of deepest loss. We join so many of your friends in sending prayers and supportive thoughts for comfort and care as the coming months unfold. We regret not being able to be there in person to express our sorrow and honor Dub's life and memories.

Eddie and Ives Ort - Birmingham, AL - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Dear Family members,
I will be thinking and praying for you all in the days to come. You know exactly where he is and you look forward to a joyous reunion.

Vickie Lewis

Vickie Lewis - Albany, GA - neighbor - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of hours spent at the Flowers home. Mr. Dub was a wonderful man who was dedicated to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Leah Coburn Sandbach - Albany , GA - family friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sincere condolences to the Flowers' family at the passing of this remarkable man.

Sue Bowron - Alpharetta, GA - Friend of Family - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Mr Flowers was WONDERFUL. I was a senior student that worked in the WHS office with him when he was the assistant principal at WHS. He was a happy person; you could almost see him thinking as he walked down the long hall behind the office bent over slightly, always seemed to be on a mission! As I reflect on my office days at WHS, I chuckle when I think of Mr Flowers; he was very well respected (& feared sometimes!). My thoughts & prayers to his family. Deb B*

Debbie Greene Blanchard - Albany, GA - WHS Student - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *I never saw Mr. Flowers without a smile on his face or heard him say anything but a kind word. I will always remember him that way. I am praying for you to have peace and comfort.*

Velma Hamon - Albany, GA - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Carleen,
I am so sorry for your loss. Take comfort that he is with the Lord but I know it still is hard to say goodbye- for now. You taught me at Albany Jr and then Dub was my principal at Westover. But I remember after we graduated, you invited several of us over to your house. I have thought about y'all over the years because of your kindness. I am coming to Albany , but not in time to come to visitation or the funeral. Wish I could make it! We thought the world of both of you!*

Melissa Shirley - Cumming, GA - Former Student - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Carleen, Leah, and Wesley, I was so sorry to read of Mr Flowers' death. He was such a good man and a wonderful educator. It has been years since I have seen you, but I hold great memories of each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers; I wish I lived close enough to attend the visitation and service. May God hold you in His arms through the coming days. With love, Joanne

Joanne Stripling Smith - Chattanooga, TN - Friend and Former Colleague - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Carleen, Leah and Wesley

We were very saddened to read of Dub's death in The Albany Herald online. We were so fortunate to have worked with him many years in education. We can't think of a finer Christian gentleman than Dub was. It is our prayer that you may lean on God's strength in this time of sorrow. Rest assured that Dub is with God now.

Helen and Paul McCorvey - Manchester, GA - friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Carleen and family, Dub will always be remembered by me and many others, my memory is more about his basketball coaching and throwing down his hat. He and my sweet husband played many games against each other and always came out friends when it was over. He did much for education other than education and I am glad I was privileged to know him in his different phases of life. Know I will pray for you in this time and know the Lord will help you as you remember Dub's life. Joanne Holland

Joanne Calhoun Hollalnd - Colquitt, GA - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ While death is a personal thing, it touches family and close friends immediately with great emotion at their loss. But a man like Mr. Flowers, with all he was involved in...his loss will be recognized and felt for months, years to come. As each group he served and touched realizes the hole he left, there will be remorse. As they try to fill that hole and see their efforts not as productive as his...there will be loss. Few people touch and serve 'their' world as Mr. Flowers did. Hopefully God finds enough to keep him as busy in heaven as on earth. May God continue to bless all that were touched by Mr. J.W. 'Dub' Flowers.

Don M Walters - Lawrenceville, GA - Friend of son- Wesley Flowers - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We both would like you to know we are praying for you @ your time of loss. We enjoyed Mr. flowers when he would come into our office. He would share his turkey hunts & just talk in general. He always had a smile. We will surely miss him. We love ya'll & when your in our neck of the woods come say hello. It was a pleasure knowing such a fine man.

Your Friends,
Sheryl & Debbie @
Coumadin Clinic/AIM

Shery & Debbie - Albany, GA - Friends - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dub Flowers was one of the finest men I have been privileged to know. He touched the lives of many people in this life and has now gone to his reward with Jesus. God rest his soul and bless Carleen and the Flowers family.

Bill Turner - Woodstock, Ga/Cuenca, Ecuador, GA - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God bless you.

Pat and Daniel Everson - Edison, GA - Students, friends - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We are thankful for the impact Dub made in this world and while we grieve with you over his home going, we rejoice in knowing he is with his Lord and Savior. Covering you in prayer knowing you are comforted by your faith and the knowledge that you will spend eternity with Dub in heaven.

Steve and Becky Williams - Albany , GA - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Carleen and Family,
I am praying for you all to glean the comfort and peace that only God can give. Dub was a Christian gentleman who represented the best that we mere mortals can only hope to give. His servant's heart has left a legacy of love and memories to cherish...a life well lived.
May God bless you all.

Darlene Adams - Watkinsville, GA - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Miss Carlene, Just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers!! So sorry for the pain of losing someone so dear and special!! We know where Dub is, perhaps Mama and him are catching up!! I love you, Katie

Katie G. Rozell - Pensacola, FL - Friend - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“Gone from this life but, never to be forgotten. He lives on in the lives of those he has touched throughout the years.

*Hearfelt sympathies to you all,
Terri Beeghly*

Terri Beeghly - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“He will always be remembered!! May God be with you during this time.

Peggy and Edward Plowden - Edison , GA - Basketball players and students. - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“Carleen, Wes, and Leah, Gina and Craig,
Please know I am thinking of you and my heart hurts for you all. Carleen walked this path with me and Alex just a few weeks ago. Oh how it hurts and the pain is always with you. I know the Lord will help you bare this pain and keep looking for his help and friends and family help as well.

I am sorry I am unable to attend but have come down with terrible sore throat. MD has given me medication and warns me to rest. So does Dr. Liz, Says Mom you are in denial that you are run down. So I will see in in August 10th at 2 pm for a final farewell to Alexander in Hinesville.

Love to you all.

Uncle Dub will be so missed. He was a great fellow! I was privileged to know him.

Betty Hinely

Betty Hinely - Melbourne, FL - Niece - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Praying for you and the family. Love you Mrs Carleen!

Katrina Chambless - Dawson, GA - friend - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Carleen and family,

So sorry for your loss!!!! My prayers are with you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love,

Janice

Janice Barnes Hagberg - Summerville, SC - friend - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Prayers going up for the family at this time. Thinking of you during this time.

Mike , Ruthie and Stephen Garner - Albany, GA - Friends-Church Members -
July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM