



Mr. J. Paul Rakel, Sr. Obituary

September 14, 1924 - October 10, 2011

Mr. J. Paul Rakel, Sr., 510 Edgewood Lane, died Monday, October 10, 2011 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His funeral mass will be Thursday 11 AM at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. There will be a rosary service Wednesday 6 PM at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation to follow at 7 PM at Mr. Rakel's home.

A native of Albany, Mr. Rakel was a retired engineer and a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church where he served on the board that oversaw the construction of the School.

Following his graduation from Albany High School where he played on the 1939 state championship football team Mr. Rakel enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he was a B-17 Pilot flying 23 mission from his base in England.

After his service to his country he entered and graduated from Auburn University in 1948 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Rakel was a member of the Elks Lodge, Military Officers Association and a past member of the Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his sons. J. Paul Rakel, Jr. and his wife Gail, Pierre Rakel and his wife Susan both of Dawson; daughter, Amanda Oliver and her

husband Ken, Tallahassee, FL; grandchildren, Olivia Rakel, Pierre Rakel, Caroline Rakel, Sarah Oliver and Bradford Oliver; brother Clem Rakel, Albany and a sister, Catherine Bowick, Columbus.

In lieu flowers please make memorials to St. George Lighthouse Association, 201 Bradford Street, St. George Island, FL 32328, Old St. Teresa's Church Fund, 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA 31707 or St. Teresa's Catholic School, 417 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 12. 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

Mr. Rakle's Home
510 Edgewood Lane
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Mass

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Teresa's Catholic Church
421 Edgewood Lane
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Well I certainly never could fill Pierre's shoes and I am certain that I could never fill Paul Sr.'s as his raised one of the finest school mates a fella could have. My prayer's although distant are as close as I can get them.*

William Cole - Jacksonville, FL - Attended St. Teresa's wi Pierre - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pierre, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know how hard it is to lose your Dad! I miss mine every day....
Debbie Sutton*

Debbie TenHagen Sutton - Albany, GA - friend - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *May God Bless the Rakel family during this time in the loss of Mr. Rakel.
He was a fine man and will be missed by many.*

Bill Turner III - Woodstock, GA - Friend - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Bittersweet time for the Rakel family. Saddened by the loss of a great man, but joyful in the knowledge that he is now with Mrs. Rakel and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! No more pain...no more sorrow! May God bless and comfort you Amanda, Pierre, Paul and the rest of the beautiful Rakel clan. Love you like family!*

Fred

Fred Dixon - Valdosta, GA - Friend - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Paul was a good man, good friend and neighbor. May his off spring learn from the his example to continue his good name.*

Louie & Helen Tanner - Cobb, GA - Friend & Neighbor - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Pierre and Paul, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all during this time of sadness.*

Susan Sebastian - Cartersville, GA - Friend - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Love

Karol and George

Karol and George Whittlesey - CA - friends - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM