



Jacob M. Rhodes Obituary

May 28, 1922 - July 19, 2009

Born in Albany on May 28, 1922, Mr. Rhodes was retired from the Lee County Board of Education as the Head of Maintenance. He served in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS New York. He was a member First Baptist Church of Leesburg where he was served as a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. He was a master carpenter, plumber, electrician, and locksmith. He was a Beekeeper and Scout Leader for Troop 16 in Leesburg for 37 years receiving the Silver Beaver Award in 1980. Mr. Rhodes farmed for a short time and also was an avid gardener. He was a regular cook for fund raisers for churches, Masonic Lodges, American Legion and schools. Mr. Rhodes was a member of Chehaw Lodge # 701 where he was past worship master and treasure, Leesburg Shrine Club American Legion Post #182 which was named for him. He received the Life Time Achievement Award in 2004 and the Man of the Year Award for Lee County in. Survivors include his sons, Jacob Marion "Jimmy" Rhodes, III and his wife Toni, Stone Mountain, GA, Butch Rhodes and his wife Mary, Leesburg; grandchildren, Christopher Graham Rhodes, Susanna Herold and husband Dan, Mary Ann Dewitt; great grandchildren, Darion Dewitt, Dakota Herold, Keyshawn Dye and Joseph Herold.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob M. Rhodes Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Let me express my deepest condolences to you on the loss of your father. My prayers are with your family.*

Your father meant the world to me. He was a mentor to me my whole life. He was my Scoutmaster as a boy. We attended church together when I lived in Leesburg growing up. He was the model of the man I wanted to be: honest, hard working, caring and dependable. His service to the nation and the hundreds of boys that he influenced as scouts can't be measured or described by words.

I saw him in February before I deployed to the Persian Gulf and was happy to have some time to talk with him. Sorry, I am unable to attend his memorial or funeral.

May God bless your family but know your father's presence transcends into all the lives he touched.

Lieutenant Commander Wayne Liebold, US Navy - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Was sorry to hear of Mr. J.M.'s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Lawrence and Kathy Turner

Lawrence Turner - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We were sorry to hear of Mr. Rhodes death. We knew him for many years when we lived in Leesburg. We attended church with him. Also, he taught our sons, Scott and Wayne Liebold for many years in the Boy Scouts. He will really be missed.

Jim and Sarah Liebold - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Mr. JM was a wonderful man. Everytime I saw him in the halls of the school, at church or where ever, he had to stop and give me a hug. He will forever be missed but he lives on in our hearts.

Jodi Eubanks - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Butch and Polly and Family, we're so sorry for your loss. Even though we did not know Mr. Rhodes personally, we know and love you and wanted you to know we're praying for all.
Love, Sally and John Coppage
(Polly's cousin Sally)

Sally F. Coppage - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear of JM's passing. I was fortunate to have him as my scoutmaster and my friend. So many of us that were part of Troop 16 have wonderful memories of JM and his great sense of humor. He was a quiet pillar of the community and will be greatly missed.

Bill Cannon

Bill Cannon - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. We really enjoyed Mr Rhodes visits. He always had a funny tale to liven up our mornings. Truly a great man. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Leigh @DR Wren's Office - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Butch, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry for your loss. Dimi & Thomas

Thomas & Dimi Williams - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My condolences on the death of your Daddy, Butch. It's a great loss to the community but an even greater loss to you and your family. You, Polly and all the Rhodes are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kay Powell - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I have had two men in my life that inspired me. The first one die in 1994 the second one is JM Rhodes. There is no way to tell how many lives this man has touched. God Bless and I will see you again someday.

Charles Lyon - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I will miss him dearly, as over the years he and I shared parts of the Rhodes family tree. However, after Aunt Jewell passed, I hadn't heard from him and guessed that maybe his e-mail had changed. I send my prayers to the children of Uncle J.M. and am sorry for your lost.

Carlos E. Rhodes - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *It was my joy and pleasure to be Mr JM's sunday school teacher. I know without a doubt, Mr. JM is home now.*

Rev. Brent Houston - July 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were wonderful neighbors to my late grandparents, Olen and Ruthie Gillis. "JM" was a kind doting neighbor, always willing to help a friend. My sympathies go with the family. My thanks to the family for their kindness to my grandparents. My heart and prayers goes out to you. Kathryn Pierce-McAllister*

Kathryn Pierce-McAllister - July 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM