



James Garrison Pritchett Obituary

July 16, 1921 - August 5, 2011

James Garrison Pritchett, age 90, died at his residence on Friday, August 5. Born in Alamance County, North Carolina in 1921, Mr. Pritchett graduated from Elon College in 1942, and enlisted in the US Navy, where he served through August 10, 1946. He earned his wings at Whiting Field, near Pensacola, Florida, and became a flight instructor there. Lt. Pritchett served over two years as a pilot in the Pacific theater during WW II, flying R5Ds and other aircraft. After the war, he came to Albany at the suggestion of his uncle, C.B. Pritchett, well-known here as manager of the Haley interests in auto dealerships (Lincoln and Ford). He began his career at Albany Tire and Service, then managed Albany Lincoln-Mercury for ten years. In 1957, he formed his own concern, Pritchett Motors, and sold Edsel, Fiat, Plymouth, Chrysler and Imperial cars. For many years Mr. Pritchett was on the executive board of the Georgia Auto Dealers Association. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was president and treasurer of the Fellowship Sunday School class. He also served on numerous boards there throughout the years. Mr. Pritchett was a charter member (since 1952) of the Kiwanis Club of Dougherty County. He was Club President, and had perfect attendance for 59 years. He was a past member of the Board of Directors, a Hixon Award recipient, and Special Hixon Award recipient (both indicate a lifetime of achievement and service to the community). He helped start the Little League Youth Baseball program in Albany (now known as Dixie Youth League), and chaired various club committees. He also worked tirelessly on the Pritchett-

Pippin Dance Recital for over 50 years. He was a member of The American Legion for 67 years. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Forehand Pritchett, by two children, Paige Pritchett Samples (Ted), of Cordele, GA, and J. G. "Garry" Pritchett, Jr., of Lawrenceville, GA, by three grandchildren, Chris Samples of Cary, NC, Lowell Samples of Albany, and T.J. Samples (Delaine) of Macon, great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Mr. Pritchett has been described as a "quiet influence" by his friends, who were many. He was proud, in a modest way, of being an usher at his beloved church, for over 50 years. Now, he himself has been ushered into the very presence of God, where his friends wish him peace.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Garrison Pritchett Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *James Garrison Pritchett Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Hello, Peggy - Dot and I are sorry for your loss. Each of the few times that I met Jimmy I always felt that he was a gentleman with whom I had a lot in common, and who I would have enjoyed knowing better. We wish you all the best. Dorothy and John Grissett*

John Grissett - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences on your loss of your best friend and Husband. I am sure we both have fond memories of Jimmy.*

Tascar Williams - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peggy, Tandre' and I are so sorry to hear about Mr. Jimmy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. There is indeed another Angel in Heaven.*

Deanie Hollnad and Tandre' Holland Moody - August 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Rosemary and John are sadden to learn of Jimmy's passing. our hearts and prayers are with the family.

Rosemary and John Prewitt - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Peggy, you know I love you and I loved Jimmy and appreciated his sweet spirit and love. I will miss him. Know that you are constantly in my prayers. Remember that earth's loss is heaven's gain.

Sherryl Sneed - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I always remember Mr. Pritchett being at the dance recitals backstage! He was a sweet man and my thoughts and prayers are with "Miss Peggy" and Paige and the whole family!!!

Kelly Rooks Haddock - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To "Miss" Peggy, Paige, Garry, and famliy. I, too, have only good memories of Mr. Pritchett. His calm manner truly helped my jitters before going onstage. Albany has lost another truly community-minded gentleman.

Lynn Loving Sommet - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Peggy, Jimmy was always so nice and friendly to me at Kiwanis, he gave me the silver dollar also. Your family traditions continue, our grand daughter (Ginger's daughter) Anna Kate at 3 years old will begin dancing August 16th. We will miss him. Bill & Patsy McMath

Bill & Patsy McMath - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Peggy, I am so sorry for your loss, you and Jimmy have always been so wonderful together, know how you will miss him, my love to your family also, I'm sorry I could not be there yesterday, Love, Lou

Lou Johnson Lee - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mrs. Peggy you and your family are in my thoughts. My God help you through this difficult time. I love you Mrs. Peggy and will be praying for you. Lennie

Lennie Redmon - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ So very sorry to hear about Mr. Jimmy... Thinking of you... Always, Carolyn & David

Carolyn & David Ellis - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ In celebration for a life well lived...with love and prayers to you all in your loss. Ann Brim Streat

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BM

“ Thinking of all the Pritchett/Samples family at this time. Out thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Bret and Caroline Myers - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ I last saw Mr. Pritchett at the viewing for my Dad's funeral in April. He was a wonderful man and a longtime friend of my parents. He will be missed.

Bill Turner III - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Peggy, Paige, and Garry. I just learned of Uncle Jimmy's passing and was so sad to hear the news. I have such fond memories of our summers in Albany and spending time at your house. He was such a kind, warm person and I will always remember him with affection.

Susan Illman Freedman - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ Peggy, Paige and Garry,I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Jimmy's death - such wonderful memories I have of the family gatherings at your home in Albany! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God bless you all.

Peggy Illman - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ God needed another angel Peggy you are in my thoughts and prayers

Trudy Birchield - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Many prayers for the Pritchett/Samples Families..So sorry for your loss..My heart is with you all...Molly

Molly Swan - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM