



Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr.

February 14, 1933 - December 10, 2016

J. Lamar Reese, Jr. Obituary

Mr. J. Lamar Reese, Jr. died Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 11 AM at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Albany, GA. The family will receive friends for Visitation on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 4-6 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. After the service on Wednesday, the family will receive friends at The Shackelford House, following a private family interment.

Mr. Reese was born in Rome, GA on February 14, 1933. He later moved to LaGrange, GA with his family and graduated from LaGrange High School in 1951. Mr. Reese was a 1955 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. While at Tech, he was a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity and The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. After graduation he served two years in the US Navy as a lieutenant. In 1957, Mr. Reese moved to Albany, GA where he started Reese Construction Company and was a founding partner of LRA Constructors. Mr. Reese was an active participant in community affairs, serving on various boards and organizations including: the Albany Board of Realtors, the Albany Home Builders Association, the Kiwanis Club, and board member of SunTrust Bank, Darton College, the Hospital Authority of Albany/Dougherty County and the Albany Chamber of Commerce, where he was awarded the Chamber's first Lifetime Service Award. Mr. Reese gave

tirelessly of his time and resources to Albany, Dougherty County and the State of Georgia, having served sixteen years on the Dougherty County Board of Education, including thirteen years as chairman, four years as Chairman of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners and served as president of the Georgia School Boards Association. The Dougherty County Board of Education created the Lamar Reese School of the Arts in honor of Mr. Reese's service to education. Mr. Reese was a long time, active member and advocate for the Albany YMCA and Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board. Mr. Reese was a devoted alumnus of Georgia Tech, he was a Trustee of the Alumni Association, member of the Scheller School of Management Advisory Board, recipient of the Dean Griffin Community Service Award, and president of the Albany Area Georgia Tech Club. Mr. Reese is survived by his wife, Sandra McKemie Reese; his sons, John Lamar Reese, III (Mary), Marvin McKemie Reese (Holly), Franklin Howard Reese (Loulie); his grandchildren, John Lamar Reese, IV (Jamie), William Metris Reese, Paul McKemie Reese, Jordan Virginia Reese, Marvin McKemie Reese, Jr., Robert Francis Reese, Franklin Howard Reese, Jr., Loulie Eugenia Reese; his great granddaughter, Carlyn Virginia Reese, his sister, Dana Reese Harris and his three nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to: Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31707, The Albany YMCA, 1701 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31707, or the Sandra and Lamar Reese Scholarship at the Georgia Institute of Technology Scheller College of Business to benefit Albany area students attending Georgia Tech, c/o LRA Constructors 2727 Upland Court, Albany, GA 31721.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I am way too late (we moved away from Albany a few years back) noticing these memories of Mr. Lamar Reese, but for the record, would like to note that while I met him just a couple of times, I remember him still as a gracious gentleman. He was sitting in Publix and offered his hand and introduced himself. I told him that we lived in one of the nice homes he had built and that our daughter Kelly had gone to Deerfield and on to Ga.Tech where she was chosen as a President's Scholar with the help of his son John there in Albany.*

I visited briefly with him later at a Deerfield football game where his grandson was playing. He seemed always to be smiling and enjoying life. He and I were brothers in the Chi Phi Fraternity. Albany was surely a much better place for his many contributions to the city and community.

*Craig Stiegel
12/2/20*

craig stiegel - October 03, 2020 at 06:44 PM

EH

“ Lamar was a model leader with the best interests at heart for everyone in the community, at his beloved alma mater and his family. His high ethical standards and Christian principles were a guide for him to work to improve any endeavor in which he became involved. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Reese Family.

Ed and Suzanne Hardison

Ed Hardison - December 15, 2016 at 09:56 AM

DB

“ Lamar Reese was a gentleman and a public servant in the very highest tradition of those terms. It was an honor and pleasure to work with him in his role as a Hospital Authority member, and my Georgia Tech grad husband and I greatly admired his dedication to the school and to his community. Beyond that, he was simply a genuinely nice and caring human being who we were privileged to know. Our best to his family.

Dawn Benson (Ken Benson)

Dawn Benson - December 14, 2016 at 05:23 PM

DL

“ On behalf of the Lassiter family, we wish to express our sympathy and condolences. All of us have very fond memories of Lamar and he was simply a great person and citizen. Best wishes to the Reese Family during this time.

*On behalf of Homer Lassiter
David and Lisa Lassiter*

David Lassiter - December 14, 2016 at 11:56 AM

CG

“ On behalf of the Forthman Family, I just wanted to pass along our thoughts and prayers to the Reese family. Lamar and his family were always gracious to my parents, Ernest and Isabel Forthman, With sadness, Cherie Forthman Gibson

Cherie Forthman Gibson - December 14, 2016 at 07:44 AM

EJ

“ Warmest condolences to the Reese family; John III and Mary were high-school friends and I'm sorry to hear of Lamar's passing.
Elliott Jones

Elliott Jones - December 13, 2016 at 09:52 PM

BB

“ Mack,
Emily and I send our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. You guys are in our prayers during this difficult time. - Baylor

Baylor Bassett - December 13, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr. .



December 13, 2016 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ Dear Mrs. Sandra, John, Mack and Frank;
All the Campbells were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Lamar.
We all shared great memories and friendship from the Hoover/
Imperial days and on to Audubon. Mom says to send her love and
we all will include ya'll in our prayers...

Clay & Frances Campbell

Frances Campbell

Dick & Lori Campbell

Clay Campbell - December 13, 2016 at 12:49 PM

YP

“ Your friends at ADCO Professional Products
purchased the Basket of Memories for the family
of Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr. .



Your friends at ADCO Professional Products - December 13,
2016 at 12:41 PM

CE

“ Dear Reese family, Mr. Reese was a very special person. May God
be with all of you during this time.

cecilfowler - December 13, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mr. John Lamar Reese Jr. .



December 13, 2016 at 09:53 AM

BD

“ *Sandra,
So sorry to hear of your loss.
Lamar was such a great and loyal friend to GT / A-T Fund! We will miss him and that big big smile!! My thoughts and prayers to you and family. God be with you all!
With deepest sympathy, Barb Dockweiler*

Barb Dockweiler - December 13, 2016 at 08:59 AM

JR

“ *Mrs. Sandra, We are so sorry for your lose, I was totalyl shock yesterday when I got the news via email from Holly. We always got to see you when you would come and visit Mac and Holly across the street on Country Club. Those where some "good ole days". Thanks to Mac and Holly we were adopted into the Reese family and have shared many special moments with the Reese's. We always looked forward to the Christmas Chapel service so we would get a chance to see you all. our heart and prayers go out to you at your time of grief. God is faithful and he does keep his promises and he will walk with you , all through this next few days, although he will be a bite busy with Mr. Reese helping organize heaven. We were extremely happy to be a part of L'il Mac's party last spring and we are so happy that he is following his dream which might lead back to Auburn a some time. We love you all like family and a we will keep you in our prayers. Love Jerry and Libby Rigby - LaGrange.*

Jerry Rigby - December 13, 2016 at 05:48 AM

DB

“ Dear Mrs Sandra & Families; Jim & I were fortunate to get to know Mr Lamar when he built our home 25+ years ago. We marveled at how early he called us almost every week day morning to review the check list for the day! He was a dedicated 'task master' and we learned early on to have our selections ready when he called. He was truly a classic Southern gentleman. We continue to remember all of you in our thoughts & prayers. In Him, Debbie & Jim Blanchard.

Debbie & Jim Blanchard - December 12, 2016 at 01:41 PM

SK

“ Mr. Reese always had a smile on his face and greeted everyone with sincere kindness. Deepest sympathy and prayers to all of his family. Don & Shelia Knight

Shelia & Don Knight - December 12, 2016 at 01:09 PM

PR

“ I have been so blessed to have known Mr. Reese during the years I worked at Lamar Reese Magnet School of the Arts (2000-2016). I always looked forward to his visits. He would pop into the library and talk about the direction we were going as a school, and the special activities and celebrations that would be coming up. Whenever possible, he was there to participate and support us. His generosity was greatly appreciated. He was a kind and loving man who will be missed by many of us that had the privilege of knowing and loving him. Although I will miss him, I know that he will experience no grief or sadness in his new home in Heaven.

Sincerely,

Pam Roshio
Retired Media Specialist

Pam Roshio - December 12, 2016 at 12:28 PM

HM

“ *To Sandra and Reese family*

We were so saddened to read today of Lamar's death Saturday. He was an extraordinary gentleman and a fine Christian man. Helen enjoyed tremendously working with him when he chaired the School Board. Paul enjoyed teasing him about Georgia Tech and shared his pride in Mack's high jump talent in high school and in college. Lamar was a great friend to both of us. Our prayers are with the family during this time of mourning. May God strengthen you and reinforce all the happy memories he gave to you and to the community of Albany that he dearly loved and served.

Helen and Paul McCorvey

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Helen and Paul McCorvey - December 12, 2016 at 10:33 AM

WH

“ Thoughts & Prayers,
Mr. Lamar will surely be missed by all that
knew him. Mr. Lamar was a jewel of a man,
an inspiration and positive influence to me
and a man I will always be proud to say was a
friend. Heaven will have a special place...
God Bless
William "Tracy" Hester



William "Tracy" Hester - December 12, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ Best friends and next door neighbors for 56 years. The world lost
one of the best men I have ever had the privilege of being close to
but heaven gained an angel. I know he and my daddy are right now
teasing each other about the last Tech/UGA game. All my love and
prayers for Sandra, John, Mack, Frank and their families.

Vickie Couch - December 12, 2016 at 06:39 AM

JB

“ Lamar was my mentor, hero and friend.
Jonathan Becker

jonathan becker - December 11, 2016 at 06:27 PM

TW

“ *The Reese's have been such wonderful friends to our family for as long as I can remember! My heart is breaking for them and for all of us who had the honor of calling Lamar "friend". I know my dad was so glad to see him!! We love you all and keeping all of you in our hearts and prayers! Tori Riles Whiting*

Tori Riles Whiting - December 11, 2016 at 02:26 PM