



Lawson H. Shirah, Jr. Obituary

July 3, 1926 - October 2, 2007

Mr. Lawson H. Shirah, Jr. of Albany died Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The funeral service will be held at 11 AM Thursday at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors with interment to follow in Floral Memory Gardens. Dr. Henry (Burt) Pridgen, Mr. Bobby Marshall and Mr. Bill Cox officiating. A native of Albany, Mr. Shirah married Annette Sellers in 1944. He was a charter member of Albany Gospel Chapel since 1956 and began preaching in 1965 with the leadership of Lester Wilson. He worked for National Life and Accident Insurance Company in Albany for 27 years before being transferred to Thomasville in 1966. Mr. Shirah was a veteran of the United States Navy during WWII and served on the USS Cumberland-Sound, a Sea Plane Tender. The fleet he served in was the first in Tokyo Bay after the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb. Mr. Shirah loved working with young people. He worked with Vashti, a home for wayward teens in Thomasville. Mr. Shirah taught Sunday School and was a Youth Director at Albany Gospel Chapel, as well as an Elder. He served in the ministry for 40 years in Georgia and Florida, loved humor and was a member of American Legion Post 40. Survivors include his wife, Annette Sellers Shirah of Albany; son, Thomas Lawson Shirah and his wife Gale of Albany; daughter, Vicki Shirah Cooper and her husband Paul of Thomasville; 4 grandchildren, Lori Shirah Allen of Albany, Thomas Scott Shirah of Fayetteville, Jeffrey Paul Cooper and Phillip Andrew Cooper both of Thomasville; 3 great-grandchildren, Lauren Allen, Harrison Shirah and Alex Shirah; and a sister, Elizabeth Shirah Naylor of Albany. The

family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 PM until 8 PM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. Those desiring please make donations to Albany Gospel Chapel, 2556 N. Slappey Blvd, Albany, GA 31701.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Mr. Lawson was such a great man and I count myself blessed to have known him. My sympathy to all of the family.*

Stacy (Jacobs) Morley - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am late in signing the guest book, but I wanted you to know, Annette, how very much I appreciated Lawson (I called him 'Pop'), and his encouraging words. He was one of my biggest supporters in music, and you as well. Thank you for how well you both serve the Lord with your lives. He will be greatly missed, but we know we will be with him one day, maybe soon!
I love you.
Pop's 'Punkin'

Rebecca Miller - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To the Shirah Family...I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Shirah. May wonderful Memories ease your sadness.

My Best to your Family.....
Karen Oakes Smith...
Auburn, Ga.

Karen Oakes Smith - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It was very nice to see all of you the other night. I'm just very sorry it was under these circumstances. I miss you all and wish we could see more of each other. All of my brothers and sisters send their love and wish they could have came the night also.(Janie,Jeff and his wife Jennifer, Robbie and Tina) We love you all and hope every one does well. Love the Mulford family.

Susie (Mulford) Curles - October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Hello, Karey, I don't believe I ever met your husband, but I want you to know that I am praying for you and your children in this time of your loss. Love you,
Cousin Rhonda

Rhonda Maxine Pickett - October 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Liz and Jim,

We are so very sorry to read of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. I am sure others from Ochlocknee Baptist are praying for you also.

Susan Hall Herin/Elizabeth Hall - October 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We love all of you & you are all in our prayers! God Bless!

Ashley & Blythe Giddens - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Lawson, you had a taste of heaven a few weeks ago and wanted so badly to go to your new home. Well, you made it! No pain...all joy...and fellowship with your Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ! In a moment...the twinkling of an eye...we'll be with you there! Mike Amos ><>

T. Michael Amos - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Shirah family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Lawson was a very special man to me, and I will never forget his great big hugs. What an example of a man that loved God with all he had. He is rejoicing with His Savior now. I love all of you and wish I could be there. Love you all very much.

Steve, Ann, and Isaiah Sanders - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our deepest sympathies go to Miss Annette & the family. Lawson was always a gracious man to us, and we know the loss at the chapel will be very great. We gratefully rejoice that he is in the presence of the Savior that he loved and served. His faith and faithfulness give testimony and example to all who will follow in his steps.

Scott & Kathy Leach - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Lawson was known to my family as the beloved "Georgia PawPaw". We were blessed in so many ways to have known this saint. We love you Lawson and Annette, and our prayers are with you. In His love, Greg, Cindy, Jared, Caleb, and Lydia

Cindy Hatcher Logan - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Annette, please know that my prayers for you and your family. He was a wonderful man. I know you and your family share wonderful memories. Love

Janice

Janice Bettencourtt - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Shirah family,
Please know that my warmest thoughts and prayers are offered on your behalf in this time of grief. Having been welcomed by the Lord Jesus, I'm sure that Lawson has not stopped smiling & laughing as he reunites with many friends and family. I will continue to lift you up before the Father in this time.

Keith

Keith Pierce - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy is with Annette, Tommy and family, Vicki and family as well as all who knew him. We became friends with Lawson and Annette in 1957 when we moved next door to them, and they've always been an inspiration to us and our children. The Lord blessed this earth with Lawson's presence for 81 years for which we are grateful. It was our good fortune to have known him and his family for many, years. He inspired so many and lived his life as a witness to his Lord and Saviour. Now he is rejoicing in his Heavenly Home.

David and Dot Bass - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please accept our deepest condolence's in your hour of grief. May God bless you and make you stronger as the days go by.

David Cooper - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Annette, Tommy, Vicki, and family, I am so sorry for your loss and send my deepest sympathy to your family. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. He is with his Lord and Savior. Take comfort with this and remember you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Always, Kendall*

kendall stover - October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our hearts are heavy with the loss of such a dear, long time friend, but we know he is happy with the Lord. He lived his faith and was an inspiration to so many in witnessing to others. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as well as our heart-felt sympathy. We loved Lawson and we love his family--they've always been so dear to us.*

Mr. & Mrs. David Bass - October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM