



Leonard J. Waitsman Obituary

June 28, 1925 - September 4, 2008

Leonard Waitsman, 83, lifelong resident of Americus, died Thursday, September 4, 2008. His funeral service will be today, 2 PM at Andersonville National Cemetery. Mr. Waitsman was educated in Americus and graduated from Americus High School. He was inducted into the US Army in March 1944, and served in the European Theatre. After his discharge in 1946, he returned to Americus and began his retail career. Mr. Waitsman owned and operated Leonard's On the Corner, the Fair Store, Young World, Phoenix III Men's Store, and Granny's Attic. Very active in the life of his community, Mr. Waitsman was elected to the Americus City Council for 17 years, served on the Americus City School Board, and the Americus Housing Authority. Mr. Waitsman was honored for his service by the Americus Walk of Fame in front of the Rylander Theatre, by the Americus-Sumter County Tourism Council, and by the Downtown Development Authority. He was past president of the Americus Jaycees. He is a member of the Americus Kiwanis Club and was a George F. Hixon Fellow in April 2005. Mr. Waitsman was also a member of the Board for the Sam Shortline Authority, the Americus Chamber of Commerce, a supporter for the Americus Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society, and an early supporter of Habitat for Humanity. He was a private pilot and he loved to fly. A member of the Jewish religion, he volunteered at Magnolia Manor on Christmas Day to give an employee the day off with their family. He helped organize the Farmer's Market in Downtown Americus, and he helped get a fountain in Reese Park to honor Phil Jones, Jr. Survivors include his wife:

Marie Waitsman, Americus; his children: Shirlee Wadsworth and her husband Jim, Charlotte, NC, Rick Waitsman and his wife Mindy, Atlanta; 4 granddaughters: Jessica W. Figueroa and her husband Robert, Charlotte, NC, Shelley Linens and her husband Adam, Richmond, VA, Melissa Waitsman, Clemson, SC, Lily Sara Waitsman, Greensboro, NC; 2 great granddaughters: Cameron Figueroa and Madeline Harper Figueroa, both of Charlotte, NC; nephew: Jerry Krinsky and his wife Teresa, Columbus, GA; a brother-in-law: Allan Davis and his wife Judy, St. Petersburg, FL; a sister-in-law: Arlene Rosenthal and her husband George, St. Petersburg, FL. Those desiring may send memorials to: American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1201, Albany, GA 31702, or to Fuller Center for Housing, P.O. Box 523, Americus, GA 31709 or www.fullercenter.org.

Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Sorry to learn about the death of Leonard Waitsman. This must have been a difficult time. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to comfort you. Please read...Psalms 90:10, Genesis 5:3-32 and Hebrews 9:27.*

J Nunnally - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marie and Family,
I will miss Leonard. He was on Council when I was appointed. We didn't work together long, but he was a dear friend. I could always count on his smile. God Bless*

Suzanne Freeman - September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Marie, Shirlee, and family-- thinking of all of you. He will be missed--
- his love of life, caring ways, and wonderful personality made him
such a unquie individual. So glad we knew him.

Allene Reeves - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ We will miss this wonderful hero! He left us with many special and
inspiring memories. Schley and Karen Gatewood

Schley Gatewood - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Leonard will truly be missed in Sumter Co. He was a breath of fresh
air in any meeting and C. L. and I were fortunate to have served
with him in serveral areas.
Our prayers are with Marie and family.

Sandra & C. L. Walters - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Shirlee and Family

Please know you are in my prayers today and the coming days.
Your dad did so much for our community and will be missed by all
who knew him. May God bless you and keep you close to him.
Linda

Linda Athon Hagerson - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Marie, Shirlee, my thoughts are with you. Leonard will be so missed by so many but I know none more than his family. He always made me smile and always, always had a kind thing to say. I will miss him very much.

Hope Henderson - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Marie & family: Leonard was so wonderful! I will always remember how he encouraged me during my tenure @ the Windsor Hotel. Marie, my thoughts & prayers are with you. I love you. Mary Thompson

Mary Thompson - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mr. Waitsman will be greatly missed as he was very special to me. No matter where he was he always made a point to stop by my office and visit. He is a very caring man and always made me laugh. My prayers are with his family. Merry Leigh

Merry Leigh Singley - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM