



Max L. Tatum Obituary

April 28, 1921 - November 10, 2006

Mr. Max Tatum, 85, of Albany died Friday Nov 10, 2006 at Magnolia Manor in Americus, GA. Funeral service will be held Wednesday 11:00 AM Nov. 15, 2006 at Avalon United Methodist Church. Rev. Ken Myers officiating. A native of Terrell Co. Mr. Tatum was the son of the late Levi Tatum and Marguerite Barnwell Tatum. Mr. Tatum Retired as a Broker from Associated Realty after 28 years and owned and operated a jewelry business in Gadsden, AL for 9 years. He served in the United States Air Force, serving during WWII and the Air Force Reserve serving during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Tatum was the Past Post Commander of Post 213 American Legion in Gadsden, AL. He completed Private Pilots course under GI Bill in 1947. He was active in SW GA Genealogical Society, volunteering in the Genealogical Society and has volunteered in the Genealogy Department for 22 years with Dougherty County Public Library system. Mr. Tatum is a Certified Visitor with Mended Hearts, Inc. He has researched and compiled sixteen books including Avalon United Methodist Church History. Mr. Tatum and his wife are active members of Avalon United Methodist Church and Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. His parents and a son Lee Tatum, three brothers Clyde, Hoyt, and Doyle Tatum, two sisters Edythe Darby Spencer and Voncile Melton and a grandson David Brooks Gay preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife Betsy Bundrick Tatum of Albany; two daughters Bonnie Knox and her husband Mike of Lake Placid FL; Kathy Tatum and her husband Roger Bertrand of Albany; three Stepsons Bobby Chapman, Durward Chapman, Mike Chapman, 14

grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

Tribute Wall



“ *Max L. Tatum Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Betsy,*

We are sorry to hear that Max has passed. We missed Max at our last family reunion. He was in our prayers then. Max was the driving energy behind the Bundrick family reunions and he will be missed. I hope we can still have our reunions and remember Max for all he has done in his life. Betsy, you are in our hearts and prayes. God bless.

Wesley, Cathy, Miles, and Paige Smith

Wesley A. Smith (Bundrick/Singletary) - November 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

“ I have many memories about Max. I got to know him by snail mail in the late 1970s or early 1980s when I lived in Waukegan, IL. By coincidence, Max had lived there during World War II. He wrote to me after seeing a query in the newspaper about a family line that he knew was related to the Bundricks, his wife's family.

In 1982, I went to Panama and came back to the states from there on vacation in August 1983. It was then that I met Max (and Betsy) in person. Since then, they have become like a second set of parents to me. I have visited with them usually several times a year since I returned to the United States in 1984.

Max was someone who knew a lot about many different things. He had lived in various places in different parts of the country and had several occupations. As a result, he was a good conversationalist and an interesting person. He and I spent hours in conversation about genealogy and many other subjects during my visits. He was a smart man, and I enjoyed his company very much.

Max was generous in sharing the information that he and Betsy had found, and I received a great deal of information from him. His work was marked by its thoroughness and accuracy.

When Max and Betsy moved to the present residence in Albany, he had to have his own space, the "nut house." After it was built, I think that I never visited that he did not want me to see the nut house and show me some project that he was working on. He had built and customized much of the furniture and tools in it that he used to produce his books.

The "Bundrick Bunch" book that he and Betsy wrote and his other books are among the many legacies that he has left behind that will keep him in our memories. He will be sorely missed.

He and Betsy were the guiding lights for our Bundrick reunions. Through these reunions, which I have attended every year but one

since 1985, I have gotten to know many of our Bundrick relatives some of whom have become dear friends.

Cynthia Nason - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *May the warm memories of your loved one soothe you in this difficult time and help you be at peace. My prayers are with you.*

Debbie Berley - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *Betsy: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband. My prayers are with you.*
Love, Nita

Nita Gosa Howell - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Mr. Tatum opened his home to the many friends of Kathy and Lee while we were teenagers. Kathy and Lee were close friends of my sister Bonnie, my brother Scott and me. Max was a friendly and polite man who always made us feel welcome. I was so happy when he and Betsy married. I would like to send my sincere condolences to the entire family. Sincerely, Karen Greene*

Karen Greene - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Besty, We were shocked to read about Max's passing. He was a wonderful man and we were always grateful for his help. Please accept our sympathy and know our prayers are with you. Henry & Marilyn Sizemore*

Henry & Marilyn Sizemore - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ WE HAVE KNOWN MAX AND BETSY FOR MANY YEARS AND WILL SURELY MISS HIM IN THE DAYS AHEAD. HE MEANT SO MUCH TO THE BUNDRICKS AS CAN BE NOTED IN THE YEARS HE GAVE TO COMPILING THE WONDERFUL BOOK" THE BUNDRICK BUNCH ”

gerald and ollie bundrick - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Betsy and family.

Brian and Lisa Burton - November 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Bobby, I am so sorry to hear of Max's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Leigh Owens - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debra L. Vinson - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss, and I pray that you will be strengthened and comforted in this time of sadness.

Robert L Rush - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My wife and I will keep the family in our prayers.

Billy and Linda Hutto - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WS

“Remember that our thoughts and prayers are with youall in your time of sorrow.

Willie Mitchell, Sr. - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM