



R. J. Free, Jr. Obituary

September 25, 1918 - November 28, 2003

He was born and raised in Worth County and attended school in Sylvester and graduated in 1938 from Georgia Military College. He married Mildred Taylor of Blakely, GA in 1939, who preceded him in death in 1986. They had one daughter, Nona Moran, Bradenton, FL. Mr. Free later married Marjorie McDonald of Sylvester who also preceded him in death in 1995, later marrying Dorothy (Overby) Pollock in 1996, a widow of Robert Pollock. She being formally of Albany, living in Keosauqua, IA. Mr. Free purchased and ran a service station business in Sylvester before joining the Navy C. B.'s in 1942, serving almost 3 years in the Pacific Theatre of War. He was on rehabilitation leave and scheduled to be on the invasion of Japan when the war ended and he was honorably discharged from Jacksonville Naval Air Station in September 1945. Giving a short try in the grocery business and the short-goods business, he then entered the auto sales business with John Durham Jeep on S. Monroe St. winding up with Sloan Motors Dodge of Radium Springs Road. In 1951 he and Roy Tanner went into the used car business on Broad Ave., billing themselves as "Always Original Square Deal Boys". He was also co-partners in the opening of The Quail Motel, Blakely, GA in 1955. Later Tanner and Free purchased the Rambler Agency on Highland Ave. which today is known as Tanner-Deen Motors on East Oglethorpe Expressway. Free served as president of the company for ten years before selling his share to Jerry Deen. He worked as Sales Representative with Hicks Realty for several years before retiring in 1984. Free was active in civic

affairs, serving with the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the Gideons, the American Legion, the VFW, and a Hospice volunteer. He was a charter member and twice president of the Downtown Exchange Club. He was a member of the Dougherty Lodge 591, the Scottish Rite Consistory, and a charter member of the Hasan Temple. Free experienced the "New Birth in Christ", November 20, 1970 and from that time on he spent the majority of his time with "Christian Business Men"s Committee" with headquarters in Chattanooga, TN, serving as Associate Staff Director for a number of years. He directed sixteen local Mayor"s Prayer Breakfasts, was one of the founders of Northgate Presbyterian Church, and is currently a member of LAMAD Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *R. J. Free, Jr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *I have a video tape of an interview with A.J. Free who looks like the picture of Renno J. Free in the obituary in the Leesburg paper. If you are interested in having this video (free), please contact me at my email or call me at 229-4392755.*

Maxine Bryant - December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nona,
We are so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. He truly led an exemplary life of kindness and principle. Mom and Dad both warmly remember the good days on 12th with your Mom and Dad and asked me to pass along their love as well. Time does seem to fly but you and your family will always be a fond memory to our family.*

Allan Graham - December 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Nona with deepest sympathy. We Remember the good times growing up. love and caring Lillian Jenkins*

Lillian Jenkins - December 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *My love and deepest sympathy, Nona. Please write to me: 603 Murray St., Marshall, Tx 75672. I loved and treasured my long friendship with R. J. and Mildred.*

Sarah H. Sutton - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nona, my deepest sympathy and love to you. Please write to me: 603 Murray, Marshall, Tx. 75672. I always loved and treasured the friendship of R. J. and Mildred.

Sarah H. Sutton - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Nona, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He came by to see us after Daddy died.(94). Your Dad was always so kind, I know you will miss him. Mama is living here (TX)and doing well...Love to you always, Betty

Betty Sutton Petersen - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Our sympathy goes out to the Free family. I moved from Albany 8 years ago but knew R.J for many years and had makny dealing with him and Roy Tanner

Charlie K Akins - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We loved R.J. and his smiling face. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Albany Eye Care - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Nona, my thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your dad. Both of my parents are gone, too, but we can keep them in our hearts forever, can't we? Love ya,
Janice

Janice Butler Tanner - December 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Mr. R.J. was a dear friend to me and my husband. He will be missed terribly.*

Sue Gay - December 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM