



## R. Sam Yarborough, Jr. Obituary

October 6, 1922 - February 1, 2007

R. Sam Yarborough, Jr. 84, died Thursday morning, February 1, 2007 at Phoebe Worth Medical Center. Viewing with the family will be at 10:00 AM Monday, February 15, 2007 at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church with funeral service at 11:00 AM in the church sanctuary. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Donald M. Kea, the Revs. Betty Lou Miller, and Nancy Scarborough will officiate. A lifetime resident of Albany, Sam was born October 6, 1922 to R. Sam Yarborough, Sr. and Rebekah Sue Webb Yarborough. He attended Flint Street School and graduated from Albany High School where he played football, basketball and ran track. He spent two years at Davidson College before he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served for three and a half years. He was stationed in Okinawa when WWII ended. After discharge he attended Georgia Tech and later graduated with honors. Upon graduation he returned to Albany where he worked with Albany Concrete Company and Joe Brashears Steel Company where he retired after 28 years as Executive Vice President. Sam came out of retirement to work with the State of Georgia as the on-site engineer of state jobs in Albany, Americus and Tifton. While at Georgia Tech he married Betty Jane Garvey and together they raised four sons. He was a charter and current member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. He was the first Sunday School Superintendent and a deacon in the church. Since retirement he served as a member of the "fix-it" department helping those who have needs in the church. He was a member of the Lion's Club for fifty-six years and the

recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award as well as serving as President for several years. He was the President Emeritus of Mended Hearts and was very involved with Habitat for Humanity, serving on their local board. He also received the Service to Mankind award from the Sertoma Club. He is survived by sons Robert Samuel III (Colleen) of Florida, Rayburn Norbert (LaDonna) of Tennessee, Joseph Berney of Albany, Michael Webb (Diane) of Albany; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brother Thomas Stokes (Louise) Yarborough of Albany and sister Leah Yarborough (Ridley) Monk of Sylvester and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jane. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lion's Club, Habitat for Humanity or the American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Sammy shall be missed in Mended Hearts. He has truly been an important part of the organization. It has been a privilege knowing him.*

*Dub & Carleen*

**Dub & Carleen Flowers** - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leah I am so sorry to hear the death of your brother. You and family will be in my prayers. Harriet*

**Harriet Haskins** - February 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ I loved spending time with Sammy when I visited Albany. He was always very warm and kind to me. Bobbi and I hope to one day meet those of you in Sammy's family that we have not met. We wish you all well. Micah and Bobbi

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**Micah Thomas and Bobbi Jo Yarborough** - February 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I SENT AN EMAIL TO THE WRONG NAME. IT WAS FOR THE ROHRS FAMILY. I WAS ALSO SENDING MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE YARBOROUGH FAMILY ALSO. THE YARBOROUGH'S WERE SO GOOD TO ME IN MY TIME OF LOSS. MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL IN HIS CARE ALWAYS

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**L HUDSON** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW DEEDIE THAT I AM THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. MAY YOU BE COMFORTED BY "HIS" LOVE & COMFORT THAT ONLY "HE" GIVES.

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**LYNNE HUDSON** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ I truly loved & admired Mr. Yarborough. We had many nice conversations when I worked at Carlton Company. He believed in giving back to the community in return for all that God had blessed him with. He will surely be missed. Wanda

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**Wanda Proctor** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ to the yarborough family: my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. mr. sam was a good man and always took the time to speak to me.

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**DanHaggerty** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Michael, My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Acklin Stone** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Some of my fondest memories of Albany were visiting Uncle Sammy when I was a young boy. One of my favorite pictures from that time is of Sammy and me at his work. He sent me a copy of that picture many years later. I will always remember his warm spirit and kindness.

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**Andrew & Lisa Yarborough** - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I had really gotten to know Sam well during the last several years primarily at the United Methodist Men and other church activities. I had gone by his house several times to visit and really enjoyed hearing him tell about his life. I know he really loved and was very proud of all his sons. I will truly miss his friendship and our visits.

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**Brady Lee** - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle Sammy was as good to us and to our children as anyone could ever have asked. We are grateful to God for his life and pray especially for Sam, Rayburn, Berney and Michael that they would be comforted in the loss of their father*

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**Tom & Laura Yarborough** - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rani Pace Bailey** - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Dear Bernie and family, When I first took over the Ramada Inn your Dad was one of the first people who made me feel at home in Albany. His smile and friendship have been made me feel welcome and that friendship has lasted ever since then. I went to work at Lowe's in 2001 and he always looked me up to check on me and make sure I was okay. He came to visit me in the hospital when I had cancer on four occasions and he helped me a lot after my brain surgery. His friends which are many will miss him. I will not be able to be at his services but I will be thinking of all of you and remembering you in my prayers. God Bless You and your family.*

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**Edward N. Simmons** - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM