



## Rhen Bishop Obituary

June 5, 1943 - November 6, 2004

Rhen Bishop, 61, of Albany, GA died Saturday, November 6, 2004 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA following an illness. His funeral service will be TUESDAY 11 AM at Christ United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany, GA. The Rev. Kent Miller will officiate. A native of Summerville, GA, he had lived in Albany since 1967. Mr. Bishop retired from the University of Georgia as the Dougherty County Extension Director in 2001. He had graduated from the University of Georgia with a masters degree in forestry, and was a member of the Exchange Club of Albany, GA. Mr. Bishop was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, was a Sunday School teacher, and sang in the choir. He was preceded in death by his mother: Ruth Kimball Bishop. Survivors include his wife: Beverly Wilder Bishop, Albany; a son: Rev. Hale Bishop and his wife Meg, Tybee Island, GA; 2 daughters: Mandy Waters and her husband Bennie and Dana Wetzstein and her husband Jamie, both of Albany, GA; 7 grandchildren: Taylor Bishop, Abi Bishop, Caleb Waters, Bishop Waters, Zeb Waters, Gage Wetzstein, Bailey Wetzstein; his father: George Bishop and his wife Mary, Macon, GA; 2 sisters: Gail Bishop, Albany, Janis Shivers and her husband Greg, Vidalia. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors, Albany, GA Monday from 6-8 PM. Those desiring may send memorials to your church, the Child Abuse Program, c/o Exchange Club of Albany, 810 S. Westover Blvd., Albany, GA 31707, or to your favorite charity. You may sign the guest book and share your own special thoughts and

memories with the family of Rhen Bishop by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

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“ *We and our whole church here in Snellville, join the others in expressing our sympathy and love to your family Hale. You have touched my family's life in a powerful way, may we be able to touch yours now.*

**Rev Dana & Sally Everhart** - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such a loss. Rhen was an asset to this community, and will be missed by all. He was always to helpful to all. My best to his family.*

**Carolyn Hatcher** - November 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy at this time. Know that we are praying for you all. Our love.*

*Lori Ashlee & Lauren Ward*

**Lori Ward Atkinson** - November 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I was so saddened of hearing about the death of Mr. Bishop. I did not know him well, but through his son, Hale, I knew that he was a kind and loving man. I was fortunate to have heard Mr. Bishop sing in our church on Tybee, he had a great voice. I know that you all will miss him as your husband, daddy, granddaddy, or friend. I know that his is with his father in heaven. God loves each of you and will be with you always. love Patti & family

Patti Wilson - November 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you with the loss of your loved one. God bless you always.

Richard & Ann Dobbins - November 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Bishop family.

Sherri Hardrick - November 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mr. Bishop will be greatly missed in our community, he contributed to so many lives. My prayers are with the family as you adjust to his home-going.

Kay Pierce Bradley - November 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mandy, Hale and Family..Our deepest sympathy to you all. Rhen was always a great help when we had problems and always so willing to help. He was loved by many and will remain in our hearts for always.

Sheila Bruner - November 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am remembering your family in my thoughts and prayers. Meg, Hale, and girls, you are very special to me. Hope to see you soon.  
Love, Becky

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**Becky Hill** - November 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you during this time. May God's Grace and Love comfort you. In Christian Love,  
Billy & Diane

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**Billy & Diane Webb** - November 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Hale, you and your family are in my prayers. With all my Love and Support,  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Alan

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**Rev. Alan Fennell** - November 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of loss and the celebration of the life of Rhen Bishop. Fred and Pat Maddox

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**Rev. Fred L. Maddox** - November 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Family of Mr. Rhen,  
My heart goes out to you for your loss. I express my deepest sympathies.  
Sincerely,  
Debra Sykes and friends at Brickyard Plantation Golf Club in Americus

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**Debra Sykes** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dear Hale and family: In losing my father earlier this year, I fully understand the great loss you have had. The faith we preach is now put fully to the test: "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!"  
With great love, Sam and Helen

Rev. and Mrs. Sam Rogers - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ So very sorry to hear about the death of Rhen. Please accept our prayers and sympathy. Beau & Roberta Taylor

Beau Taylor - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Rhen's family. I knew Rhen for many years through UGA Extension Service.

Ann Goodwin - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris and Shireem Rich - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Rhen was a good man. He will be missed by all. If you need anything please call. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.

Shannon Young Culbreth - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was surprised to hear of the death of Rhen. I was in the Exchange Club with Rhen and Hale before moving to North Carolina. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in our heavenly father. John and Andrea Sikes

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**John Sikes** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Mrs. Bishop, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It still seems as if I can see Rhen's smiling face. I am sure he is smiling as he enjoys being in Heaven! Rhen always thought we had to be relatives, since my last name was Bishop. Then when I married and became a Grogan, Rhen told me he knew we had to be kin now. He said his Grandmother was a Grogan and married a Bishop! It was always a pleasure seeing Rhen at District Extension Meetings and working with him at the Exchange Club Fair. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

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**Jennifer Bishop Grogan** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were very sorry to hear about Rhen's death. Rhen had been on our prayer list since we learned of his illness. Rhen will be missed by all! Each of you are in our prayers and thoughts. God Bless.

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**Mitchell County Extension Service** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Beverly, Mandy, Dana and Hale:  
How proud you must have been  
of that AWESOME funeral today! Rhen was so proud of  
every word spoken, every song  
played or sung, and every friend who was there remembering him  
for all the good times together.  
Know how much Russell and I  
love you all.....and loved  
Rhen and our times together  
with him. The First Commandments will always be  
special memories to us.....such a fun time going to every back road  
church in  
America....but with a message  
of love and hope.....that's the message I have for each of you.....lots  
of love and  
tremendous promise for the future. We're here to help  
in any way possible to get  
through these next few tough  
days ahead.....won't be easy  
but with God's help, can surely be done.  
Love you lots!!! Patsy and Russell

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**Patsy Martin** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Hale, I am sorry to hear of your Father's death. I have been through  
that and I know it is difficult. May God bless you in this time. Ralph

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**Ralph Dixon, Jr.** - November 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy and love to you all. Our prayers are that as you celebrate this wonderful Christian Gentleman's life you make seek comfort in the arms of our Savior Jesus Christ, who Mr. Rhen loves so dearly. Hale, Meg, Taylor, and Abi, we love you and you are each in our thoughts and prayers.

*We love you guys, Chip, Tris, Lindsay and Trey*

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**Chip & Tris Strickland** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are sorry about your loss but are thinking of you and love you very much. If there is anything we can do please let us know.

*Love,*

*Stori, Keith, Amber, & Jade Hendricks*

*(Dana & Jamie's Neighbors)*

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**Stori Hendricks** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Beverly and family: our deepest sympathy is expressed to you in your loss. Your family has been so special to us for many years. May God bless and keep you.

*Don & Mary Dale*

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**Don & Mary Dale Kea** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I went to school with Mandy and I remember seeing Mr. Bishop on TV. Dana hosted a Pampered Chef party for me. I was sad to see that he passed. May God comfort all of you during this time. Love in Christ, Tonya Erickson (Dalton)

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**Tonya Dalton Erickson** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Our thoughts and prayers continue to with you.

Wayne DeFore - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dana I am so sorry for you and your family's loss Take care and God Bless

Tammy(Dove) Reno - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Jamie/Dana,

*So sorry to hear of the death of Dana's Daddy. Keeping you in prayer. Will be there to support you at the funeral. The Lord's blessings be upon you and your family.*

*With love,*

*Ann*

Ann Callahan - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ I am so sorry to hear about Rhen but am rejoicing with you that he is now with the Father. Please know that you are all in my prayers. Love,Emily Ryan, Dougherty County Extension Service

Emily Ryan - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Rhen brought a lot of joy and happiness to our lives! He was one of our favorite members of the Exchange Club! We can assure you he will be greatly missed!

Ray & Marianne Humphrey - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Beverly  
*Our prayers are with you and the family. Albany is a better place for having Rhen as an example of the type of life Jesus wants us to live.*

*God bless & comfort you*

*Bill*

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**Bill Rambo** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I worked with Rhen for a few years at Extension Service. He was a very good mentor and a great friend. My heart goes out to all of his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless each of you!*

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**Adrienne Spence** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *Hale, Meg and girls,  
We were sorry to read of your father's death. We love you and are praying for you and all your family. God bless you,  
Benjy and Mary Varnell*

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**Benjy Varnell** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *God bless you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Dr. Rick Mitchell** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Know that you are in our prayers as you gather to remember and celebrate the many ways God blessed you through Rhen.

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**Ashley Randall** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you in your time of loss. Thanks be to God for His assurance of eternal life.

*Jim and Mavis Trice*

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**Jim Trice** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jerita and I extend our prayer support to your family and pray God will grant you his peace and love.

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**Rev. & Mrs. Dennis E. Stalvey** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Hale, Mandy and Family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a Godly man and will be greatly missed. May the Lord bless and keep you. -  
Jimbo

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**Jim Dominey** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Hale and Meg,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you say goodbye to your beloved father. We know how you have cared for him and how many others have supported you in prayer throughout this ordeal. God bless you all.  
John and Anne O'Connor  
Preston UMC  
Preston GA

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**John and Anne O'Connor** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Gail and I want you to know that we are thinking of you at this time. I know your faith is strong and will lead you into God's comfort.

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**Ted and Gail Bass** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Bishop family...I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my prayers.

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**Jamie Baker** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Anna, Mark, Amanda and Christian Kelley

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**Rev. Anna and Mark Kelley & Family** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Dana, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
Leigh

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**Leigh Rosser Owens** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our prayer for God's comfort and peace upon your broken heart.  
We give thanks to God for all who die in the Lord.

Randy Carnley - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief.  
We have fond memories of Rhen on Walks to Emmaus. God will be  
with you. Blessings

John & Lynne Mitchell - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Hale,  
I pray that your grief is rich, that your Father memories are strong.  
Peace,  
jay

Jay Roberson - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the entire Bishop family.  
Rhen's son Hale has impacted my life and ministry in ways I will  
never be able to express with words. I know that Hale's heart and  
character are an extension of Rhen. Because of this connection, my  
ministry will also be an extension of the blessing of who Rhen  
Bishop is and the Lord whom he loved so much. Thank you Rhen  
for being a living example to all of us through your family. Much love  
and prayers to you all, Bryan

Rev. Bryan G. Gerstel - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry about the death of your father. I am praying for the Holy Spirit to comfort you and your family in this time of sadness and sorrow. If I can be of any help, please call.  
God bless, Lee Bennett

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**Lee Bennett** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are all praying for your family and share in your loss. Teena is a member of our bible study on Tuesday morning.

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**Shelly Martin** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Rhen brought so much pleasure into this world!

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**Sam and Brenda Smith** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry I will be out of town for visitation and services. I will miss this strong Christian brother in Christ, but Heaven will gain a leader among men as a father, husband, and mentor to many who had contact with him.  
Regards and God's comfort to Bev. and family members.  
Bruce Baker

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**Bruce Baker** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rhen. You are in our prayers. Your whole family has been such a vital part of Emmaus. May the Lord comfort you in the days ahead.

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**Bill & Margot Hudson** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To Dana,  
*I am so sorry to hear of your fathers' death. My heart goes out to you and your family. You would remember me at the vets' office with Lexi. God Bless You!*

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**Dana Bailey** - November 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR SORROW I MYSELF LOST MY HUSBAND OF 37YEARS 7-14-2004 SO I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I KNOW WE DONT KNOW EACH OTHER BUT I WANTED TO TELL YOU THERE IS HELP OUT THERE FOR YOU CALL 312-4404 IT IS HOSPICE IT IS FOR ANYONE AND AGAIN I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

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**ROSEY BURKE** - November 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM