



Robert E. Fowler Obituary

October 1, 1932 - June 17, 2011

Mr. Fowler was born in Albany and lived here most of his life. He retired from the Dougherty County School System after 33 years and DOCO Credit Union after 10 years. He received his education at Westtown School , West Chester, PA and Earlham College in Richmond, IN with graduate degrees from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. He was inducted into the Earlham College Hall of Fame in 1995. Mr. Fowler was past president of the Southeast Association of School Business Officials. He was a member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club where he held most all offices and was a Lt. Governor. He received the Legion of Honor Award from Kiwanis International. He was also on the Board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Dougherty County Stadium Authority of over 25 years. Mr. Fowler served on the Board of the Albany Sports Hall of Fame and was inducted as a member in 1997. He was an active member of Avalon United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir, was a member of the Church Council, and taught the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. Mr. Fowler was the line coach of the 1959 Albany High School State Championship Football Team. He enjoyed fishing and volunteering in the community. Mr. Fowler was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Ada Fowler, a son, Dan Fowler, a daughter, Robin Fowler, and a brother, Wayne Fowler. He is survived by his wife: Ida English Fowler; his children: Robert (Bob) Fowler (Beverly), Nancy Fowler Newman (Eric), Susan Fowler Hammond, all of Albany, Julie Fowler Cook (Cary), Cordele, GA; grandchildren: Missy Whitney (Drew), Rebekah Griffin (Jason), Mae-Mae

Fowler, Samuel Newman, Dani Newman, Noel Newman, Jeffrey Hammond, Maggie Hammond, Joshua Hammond, Jared Hammond, all of Albany, Ellie Cook, Hannah Cook, John Cook, David Cook, all of Cordele; great grandson: Elijah Whitney; brothers: Earl Fowler, Sandy Springs, MD, John Fowler, Silver Springs, MD, Jim Fowler, New Canaan, Ct.

Tribute Wall



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“ *My sincere sympathy to Singley and her brother who used to take piano lessons from me; also to the family.*

Janice Jordan - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was in his physical education class and remember him as person hwo gave "tough love." I had a lot of respect for him as did many other students. I wish him well on his "journey" and will remember him and his family in my prayers.*

Sam Luckey - June 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a member of Cordele Kiwanis,I remember Bob for his dedication to Kiwanis, his family and his sense of humor. I feel blessed to have known him. Prayers were said for you. May God bless each of you during this difficult time.*

Mary Joyce Parker - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *When I married and came to Avalon Bob and Ida made me feel so welcome.. Will miss his welcoming smile*

Linda Slappey - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Ida, I know the pain you are going through at the time, but only time and friends will help you to heal. My thoughts and prayers are with you*

Barbara Watson - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Ida and Family,I am so sorry for your loss. Bob is already missed by so many of us. May God bless you with the good memories you all shared with him.Blessings,Brenda Wintersole*

Brenda Wintersole - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends. I've known Mr. Bob for years. He was such wonderful man! We always looked forward to his visits. He touched so many with his warm smile and his gentle grace. He will be missed by so many.*

Angie - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

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

Billy & Diane Webb - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Mr. Fowler was a kind man and will be missed by so many in the community. I enjoyed sharing my table with him at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes banquet a few months ago. Mrs. Fowler my thoughts are with you and your family. May God Bless you and be with you.*

Shannon Callahan - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I met Coach Fowler in the 7th grade. He was my football coach through the 12th grade. He made a positive influence on my life. My heartfelt sympathies go out to his family, the people that knew him throughout the years, his church family and the Albany area for this great loss. He was truly a motivator, teacher, friend and mentor to a lot of us. We will truly miss COACH BOB FOWLER.

Stan Harp - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's death. He was a giant in the church and community and also a very nice man. My sympathy and loving thoughts go out to the family.

Regina Karn - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ What a wonderful man and role model for young people! He gave me a lot of guidance and direction as a young man. We all looked up to him, not because of his size but his heart. My sympathies to Ida and the family...JB

JB (James) Benson - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

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Tim Lewis and family - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“*Ida and family, Herbert and I were saddened to hear about the death of Coach Fowler. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Coach Fowler was a multi-generational leader for the people of Albany and he will be sorely missed. A man of his character, integrity, and example comes along too rarely and he was treasured. Our loss is heaven's gain. Ida, thank you for sharing him with us. God bless you all. Herbert and Darlene Adams*

Darlene Adams - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“*Bob And Ida were wonderful teachers in the sunday School at Avalon. And more they were friends and mentors to the young people who passed through those doors. I will never forget the sight of bod fowler ducking through that doos each Sunday. His size could not begin to tell the tale of how large his heart was. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family and the congregation at Avalon.*

Bern Langley - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dear Ida Frances, I don't know any new words to describe the loss everyone who knew Bob feels. He was a special breed of man, one who wasn't afraid to show his beliefs, his feelings and his love for his family and community. Albany has lost a friend and a person with a beautiful soul, as have the rest of us who knew, loved and admired him. He played an important part in so many lives and he will love on forever in our hearts. May you and your family feel the warmth of God's love through this time of sadness and always know that he is there for you. I looked at the sky Friday night and saw a star that was brighter than any of the others. I just smiled because I knew that was Bob looking down on us, watching over us. Although he left us too soon, we were so blessed to have had him in our lives. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sara Joiner Eubanks - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our prayers are with you and your family.

Beth Lowery Birch - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Bob was a colleague, a good neighbor and a dear friend. He was a user, not an abuser; he was a producer, not a consumer; he was a giver, not a taker; he was a doer, not a dreamer. And, he left this earth a better place than when he came. We thank God for loaning him to us. He was, indeed, larger than life; and we shall miss him.

Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Griffin (Buzz and Rho) - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Ida and family, our hearts and prayers are with you. So sorry, we send you our deepest sympathy. God Bless you all. Love,
Sandra and Carl Hancock

Sandra Hancock - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mrs.Fowler & family.I am sorry to hear about Bob.Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.We have a lost an Icon in our community.Big " Bob" will be missed.God Bless*

Jeffrey Field - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ida and the entire Fowler family. All of us share in your loss. Coach Fowler always treated everyone with respect, good humor, and an example of how to live with honor and integrity. His encouragement and guidance made a positive impact on many of Albany's young men and women. Coach...Rest in peace and thanks for being a part of our lives. Bless you and your loved ones!*

Bill and Nancy Sutton - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *My condolences to the family during this difficult time, I am sorry for your loss. The Bible holds out a comforting hope for all of us at Revelation 21:3,4*

r gray - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I first met and volunteered with Bob on many occasions as members of the Association of Credit Executives. He was always a joy and delight to be around at meetings when he cracked jokes or sang a tune on his guitar. His serious side was seen on many of our trips to high schools in and around Albany to educate young people about credit. It was important to him that they understand the do's and don't's of credit. It was my great pleasure to see him and his family again after many years, when his beautiful granddaughter, Bekah married my nephew Jason. We reminisced about the good ole days of going to the different schools and the fun we all had along the way. I was honored to be in the same family circle for the day as we celebrated a beautiful wedding, and what a joyous day it was! God be with all of the Fowler family, may you be comforted and surrounded with his love he had for each of you. Although he will be dearly missed here on earth, the "Gentle Giant" has truly found his Glory in Heaven.

Debi Griffin - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I first met Bob at the YMCA many years ago and was envious of his athletic abilities on the Racquetball court. I later worked with him on a professional basis through the Albany Sports Hall of Fame event and became envious of his humor and personal character as a human being. I will miss talking to him.

Roger Burnett - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our heartfelt love and sympathy go out to your family. Jerry and I both loved and admired Bob. Your family has shown love and support to so many of us and we share your sorrow.

Sue and Jerry Gerst - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Ida Frances, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Penny and Clark Douthit - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Thought a lot of Mr. Bob. Will be missed*

Arthur Walters - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *One of the greatest persons(and family) I have ever known- you will be sorely missed.*

Peyton Rheney - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Even though I was only at Avalon for a few months, Mr. Fowler always made me feel welcomed and loved. He would always stand next to me in choir practice and tease me about being so short! His smile and testimony meant so much to me. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at thistime.*

Becky Griffith Page - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *A great man has passed away. Bob Fowler, you were one of a kind. You gave so much to me. You gave so much to the world. You will be truly missed. You were always my gentle giant, a giant of a man, tall in statue but also a giant in character and compassion.*

Susan Hudgens Harper - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Generations ago the Fowler family came to South Georgia. If memory is correct it was to grow Pecans. In reality in Albany, Ada?s and Earl?s best crop was a wonderful family. Big Bob was their special legacy for education, humanity, and sports. Bob's influence will be missed. My sympathy to Ida, all his kin, and scores of friends who loved him.

Elizabeth Champion - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Bob was an example of a true gentleman. We will not forget his warm, giving and caring nature. Our prayers go out for all the family.

Gene Goldsmith - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Fowler was such a kind and generous man. He will be greatly missed. Heaven is a richer place with him there.

Carol Russell - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all the family. I am a member of the class of 1960, Albany High School, Coach Fowler was always such a wonderful coach, we all shall miss him so very much. Thankful he attended our 50th class reunion this past May, was such a pleasure to see him!

Rose Hancock Kemp - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ My prayers are with you and your family at this time, I am sorry for your loss.

vernessa jenkins - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To all the Family, Bob Fowler will surely most certainly be missed by me. He was a dear person, a kind person, a friendly person to all he met. Love, Susan Helms

Susan Helms - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry about Mr. Bob. He was always the bright spot in my day when he came to get his teeth cleaned. I didn't know him for very long but he made me feel like a long time friend. He has left such a wonderful legacy in his family. You all seem like family to me and I am praying for you all. In God's love, Kimberly Criswell

Kimberly Criswell - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mr. Fowler was a gentle giant. He had such a large heart that was full of love for Jesus. He was a compassionate and caring man. There is an empty place on earth that will never be filled by another. Bob, you are in the arms of your Savior now. God Bless and comfort your family. Gratefull to have known you, Sheila Payne

Sheila Payne - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mr. Fowler was one of the best men I knew. He will be greatly missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Shana Coker

Shana Coker - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ As a lifelong friend of Bob's Son in-law Eric Newman, i was fortunate to get to know Bob and visit his home several times. I know how much he has meant to Eric, and how much everyone will miss him. It was a blessing to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

John Hutcherson - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ My condolences to the Fowler family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Fowler was one of the first to welcome me to the Dougherty County school system when I moved here from Americus back in the 80's. He always had a kind word, a huge smile, and a "healthy" handshake for you, one you didn't soon forget. He always took time to thoroughly answer whatever questions I had. I can also say the same about his son Bob. He will be sorely missed but rejoice in knowing that "To be absent of the body is to be in the presence of the Lord". Rest assured another angel watches over you.

Gary G. Dorough, Ed. D. - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our family regrets this loss and offers prayer and condolence to the Fowler family. Bob and Ida were long time friends and played such a vital part of all our lives. While this passing is such a loss to so many, it is a comfort to know that Bob's life and example meant so much to those he knew and shared his friendship with. May the prayers and words of those who were a part of this life be of comfort to the Fowler family.

Jim & Neva Herschell - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ I met Bob late in life and we became instant friends. He was very kind and generous. I will miss him. Jack Ivey

Jack Ivey - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Coach Fowler coached me in basketball at AHS. He was always so kind, always encouraging, and helpful. I left Albany in 1960, and never saw him after that, but I never forgot him, either. He was a special man, and held a special place in the hearts of his students. RIP Coach.

Skippi Moncrief Posey - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Bob was a great guy. There will never be another "Big Bob". We enjoyed his entertaining us at the Mosonic Meetings. He will surely be missed. Ronnie and Donna Keel

Ronnie and Donna Keel - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Coach Fowler. I remember him from my school days in Albany. He was a great person and I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him throughout the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Bobbie Jean (Young) Wade - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mr. Bob Fowler was a valued mentor to many of us at the YMCA and in school basketball when we were growing up in Albany in the late 50's and 60's...He was one of the friendliest and most congenial Christian men I ever knew...a gentle giant who knew how to play the game...and live the life. Albany and Dougherty County has been blessed by Bob Fowler's life. I am saddened that he is gone...

Don Callaway - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mr. Fowler we will truly miss your hugs and your smile. I will cherish every memory of you and I will always remember you singing the laughing song..

Carol Woodard - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Mr. Bob you will be missed so much. I do not think you know how many lives you have touched. We will always remember you for many thinks and I know you are now singing the Laughing Song for The Lord. May God Bless your family.

Allene Warren - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Julie and family, Please know that we are thinking about all of you during this time of loss. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.Love, Wayne, Cathy, Shelby and Whitney Sangster

Cathy Sangster - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So many memories of family connections-Anne and Harvey Pate

Anne Pate - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear Ida and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I always think of Bob as a "gentle giant." I will always remember his kind heart. You are so special to me. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Please call on me if I can help in any way. God bless,
Cathy

Cathy Green - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Coach Fowler was a great guy. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a fine man and I had a lot of respect for him. When, I was younger I used to get him to grip my wrist with his larger than life hands and squeeze so tight I couldn't open my fist. From my family, we send our love and sympathies.

Warren P Field - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Eddie and Linda Owens - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our sincerest sympathies in the loss of your loved one and one who has been a friend to so many. Bob lived his life so that you just knew he had a special relationship with the Lord. May God grant peace and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. Our prayers will be with you all. Linda and Robert Wells

Linda and Robert Wells - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Even though I have not been in touch with Bob and Ida all these years, I can think of only fond memories from our youth while attending Byne Memorial and our school days. May God's peace be with all the family during this time. Dan I

Daniel Roy Lipsey - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ida Frances, we're thinking and praying for you and the Fowler family. I'm sure you know that Bob was and always will be one of the most admired and respected men I've ever known. Both Lisa and I send our deepest sympathy and love.

Jim and Lisa Johnson - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Fowler family: Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Mr. Bob was certainly a man of upstanding character and he will be greatly missed. Our love, Gene, Sylvia & Wendell Brooks

SYLVIA BROOKS - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mr. Bob's physical stature was matched only by his kindness, honor and integrity. He was a great man and will be missed by all. My heart goes out to his loved ones.

Sam Shugart - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM