



Rod Blaylock Obituary

October 15, 1920 - September 20, 2006

Lt. Col. Rodney Houston Blaylock, Sr., (JSAF (Ret.), 85, of Albany, died Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at his home. His funeral service will be SATURDAY 11 AM at the First United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Floral Memory Gardens with full military honors. The Revs. James Hughes, Tami Coleman, and John Warrener will officiate. A native of Rossville, GA, Lt. Col. Blaylock had lived in Albany since 1949. He served 42 years with the City of Albany as its Recreation Department Director. During World War II, Lt. Col. Blaylock flew 53 missions as a B-17 pilot. He received many citations including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Medal with a bronze oak leaf cluster and a silver oak leaf cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, and the World War II Victory Medal with 4 bronze stars. He was a 1942 graduate of Mercer University where he was president of his senior class, president of his fraternity, and captain of its last football team. He was elected into the Mercer University Hall of Fame, the Albany Sports Hall of Fame, and the ASA Hall of Fame. Lt. Col. Blaylock was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past president of the Albany Lions Club, a past president of the Georgia Recreation and Parks Society, a 60 year member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a charter member of the Georgia State ASA. He served as a high school football official with the GHSA for 30 years. Lt. Col. Blaylock called square dancing for 42 years, calling a square dance in the former Soviet Union during the Carter Administration, as well as calling a square dance in

the White House for President and Mrs. Carter. He was an avid golfer, scoring 6 hole-in-ones during his life. He was preceded in death by his wife Ellen Stevens Blaylock and a daughter Dianna Blaylock Flood. Survivors include 4 sons: Rodney Blaylock, Jr. and his wife Valerie, Albany, Dana Blaylock, San Jose, CA, Mike Blaylock, Sr., Albany, Eddie Blaylock and his wife Connie, Macon; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 2 sisters: Betty Howard, Dothan, AL, Barbara Jones, Mt. Dora, FL. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday from 5-7 PM. Those desiring may send memorials to Holy Hands, 1637 Maryland Ave., Albany, GA 31707, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 448, Albany, GA 31702, or to the Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702.

Tribute Wall



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I met Coach Blaylock in 1949 soon after he came to Albany on the steps of the old YMCA buildig on Pine Avenue. He came to meet our group of boys that played in the basketball league after school. It was apparent to all of us that he was a winner and my opinion of him has never changed. His Recreational programs were first class.I will miss him

Bobby Mallard - October 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Blaylock was a wonderful, kind man with whom I truly enjoyed working.*

Robert Goldsmith - October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of Mr. Blaylock. We always looked for his smiling face when we attended the Hall of Fame banquets. One could just feel the love he had for everyone and being in his presence was always uplifting.

Don & Ann Goodroe - October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We were saddened to learn on the Internet about Rod's death. Paul worked closely with him when he was Sports Editor at The Herald and Rod was Recreation Director. Our prayers are with the family. May God strengthen you in this time of your loss.

Paul and Helen McCorvey - October 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ First of all I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Blaylock was a patient of mine at Palmyra Hospital I was one of his respiratory therapist for about 3 yrs. I really enjoyed him. He was my favorite patient in the whole wide world. We would always sing and laugh together. my fondest memory is me coming in his room and saying hey good looking what ya got cooking and he smiled and said hows about cooking something up with me! He was an absolute ham and i enjoyed him even when he didnt feel his best. We al felt like family to Mr. Blaylock. He will be deeply missed at Palmyra. Thanks and God bless!!!

Jennifer Clark - October 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We were sorry to hear about Rod's passing. He contributed a great deal to his community in his life time and touched many lives. He will be missed.

John and Gail Swindle - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Bette Howard is a dear friend of mine and I have prayed for this man so many times. God bless this family and give them all strength to go on without this loved one. God our Father makes no mistakes and loves us so good. Bless you all. Doris Ferrell, Tupelo, Ms.*

Doris Ferrell - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I worked for Mr. "B" for many years at Rec. Dept. I respected him very much. I really enjoyed when he told me his war stories. I know you will miss him. Sincerely, Martha McDowell*

Martha F. McDowell - September 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *I didn't know, Mr. Blaylock all that much..but i do know this, he was a great man....
laura*

Laura - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I am saddened at Mr. Rod's passing but know that he is rejoicing and squaring them up in heaven right now. As a young recreation professional I often sought advice, encouragement and comfort from him. I can truly say that I am better off for having known Mr. Rod. May you find peace and comfort as you celebrate his life. cfs*

Craig Sowell, CPRP - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Rod Blalock when my husband called square dnces with him. i shall never forget his hearty laugh. He was a joy to all who knew him.*

Evelyn Fitzgerald - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Rod was a fun loving man. I have called square dances with Rod and always looked forward to those dates. I admired Rod. He touched so many lives through his work with the Recreation Department and Square Dancing. We will miss him, but he will live forever in our memories.

Bob & Marie Shiver - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ What a great man has passed. Rod was known and loved by so many, especially in the Square Dance family. Also in his achievements, he was one of the charter members of the Georgia Square Dance Callers Association, and as such, was our first acting president, and then elected as the first president of the GCA. He has touched all our lives. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Randall & Wanda Musgrove - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Eddie and Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care.

Carol Williams

Carol Williams - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *What a sad day it is to know that a super, fun-loving person has passed away. But we know that he is having a grand time in heaven with his square dancing buddies. Don't you know that he, Bob Bennett, and Audie Lowe(my father) are having a great reunion? I will always remember the fun times we had square dancing, especially the Jekyll Island Jamboree. Thanks, Rod, for all the memories!*

Janice Lowe - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *We will miss both a friend, a square dance caller and a good teacher. You will always be part of square dancing.*

Mary and Floyd Johnson - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of square dancing to Rod at the Albany National Guard Armory. Your Dad was a special person to a lot of people and I know that all of you will miss him.*

Elaine Wills Morgan - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Eddie and Connie*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry to hear about your Dad. From the stories you have told us, we know you will always have fond memories of the times spent with him.

*Love to you both
Tee and Susan*

Tee and Susan Tyson - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ It was a great trip to the Soeiet Union. You was a master at square dance calling and a ambassador to the people. God bless you and your family.

GRADY&EVELYN WEST - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Eddie and Connie,

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I recall Kip speaking of Mr. Blaylock as we would pass through the Albany area on trips to my parents home in South GA. I will hold you in my prayers and thoughts through this difficult time of your life.

Susan Herin - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. My parents, Bruce and Iris Pate, knew Mr. Rod. He was one of the nicest men in Albany. He will truly be missed. Your family is in my prayers.

Connie "Pate" Lundy - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Sorry I will be unable to attend. Knew Rod through Parks and Recreation sorry to hear of his passing. Danny Jones

Danny Jones - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I knew Mr. Rod from square dancing. I can just picture him now, wearing a white shirt, red pants and boots calling his largest square dance ever! Please accept my sympathy for the family.

Susan Johnson - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ We were very sad to learn of Rod's death. We have such good memories of him over a period of many years. He taught us square dancing in the 60's and was such a dear, dear man. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and to his dear sister and our dear friend, Bette Howard.

Mike and Karin Tabb - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To the family of Rod, I extend my deepest sympathy. I've worked with Rod for many years and had a great respect for Mr. "B".

Larry Cook - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ What a joy and privilege to have known Rod Blaylock. He was one of the leaders in the park and recreation field in Georgia. He served his community of Albany for many, many years and was a stable source of leadership in the Georgia Recreation and Park Association serving as President in 1956. He was inducted into the GRPA Hall of Fame in 1994. He was one of my mentors as I entered this field back in the early 1960's and was a valuable source of inspiration to me and others.

Tom Martin, Executive Director, - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Family, Your daddy was a very special man to our family, particularly my daddy, Bob Bennett. I will forever remember your daddy's smile, laugh and his good humor and the fact that he made it possible for me to square dance with the president of the United States. Just think, he and daddy are in Heaven together, probably planning a new Jamboree and our dear mama's are patiently sitting at the registration table. Many good memories will be forever embedded in my mind...most of them involving our time at Jekyll Island...ahh, now those were the days. I think my girls, Casey and Jamie, will forever remember your daddy's kindness in giving them McDonald's coupons every Christmas. We have grown up, our families have changed and moved apart but there will always be love in my heart for you all. My prayers are for you all during your time of mourning. Sincerely, Debbie (Bennett) Wisenbaker, Casey Roth and Jamie Roth

Debbie Wisenbaker - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We have know Rod for so many years & are very sorry to hear that he has passed away. Keep your faith in God & he will make each & every day better for each of you.

We send all our love-

*Terry & Marshall McLane
(Bob & Vivian Bennett's daughter & son-in-law)*

Terry & Marshall McLane - September 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM