



## Sam S. Pate Obituary

December 7, 1916 - December 24, 2007

Mr. Sam Pate, 91, of Putney passed away Monday, December 24, 2007 at his residence following an illness. His funeral service will be 11AM Thursday, December 27, 2007 at First Baptist Church of Putney with Rev. Joe Carr and Rev. Chip Gresham officiating. His interment will follow in Floral Memory Gardens. Sam S. Pate Sr. was born December 7, 1916 in Sylvester to the late Samuel Cleveland Pate and Ida Belle Shepard Pate. At the age of 7 he moved to Putney and resided here for 84 years. He was a 30 year retiree from Railway Express Agency (REA), and was the owner and operator of the "White Rock Country Store", known as "Pates Service Station" in Putney for several years. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Putney and a member of the Calvin Key Sunday School Class. He was considered as one of Georgia's most experienced pigeon keepers. He raised and raced Homing Pigeons from an early age. With the assistance of his family ( now Giggey Lofts), many have experienced the white homers take flight, collect their bearings, then vanish in the blue and race back to their home lofts following bridal and funeral ceremonies. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII serving his country proudly as a radio operator on a carrier ship on the Island of Siapan. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his first wife Harriett Swartz Pate, his son Harry "Punky" Pate and a brother Bruce Pate. He is survived by his wife: Mary Matheson Swain Pate of Putney; his son, Sam S. "Sammy" Pate Jr. of Mitchell County; his daughters: Phyllis Pate Hodges and her husband Wendell and Linda Pate Giggey and her

husband Pat, all of Putney; 8 grandchildren, several great and great-great grandchildren; plus several nieces, nephews and a host of close friends. The family will receive friends 5PM to 7PM (today) Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Salvation Army., 308 W. 2nd Ave., Albany, GA 31701, or to First Baptist Church- Putney, 1125 Antioch Rd., Albany, GA 31705.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam S. Pate Obituary*

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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I am sorry to learn of your dad's passing. I was out of town over Christmas. He and your mom were special to me as I was growing up in Putney. May our Lord comfort and console you. Charlie Myler*

**Charles Myler** - January 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Sam passing. You all are in our prayers.*  
*Connie Jo and Bruce*

**Connie Lundy** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *PUTNEY has lost a great man in MR.PATE.when i was growing up each day was not complete unless i went to his store.He would sit with us kids as if we were his own.and give us advice.I miss those days.the days of that little rock store and he and mrs.hariett.my heart goes out to the family..*

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**KEITH WALLS** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I taught Physical Education at Lake Park and while I was there I used to get Mr. Pate to bring his pigeons for my Olympic Days. He was always so sweet and loved the children as they watched his birds. I thank you for sharing him and his love for children and pigeons with the students of Lake Park. He was such a special man.  
Susan Geeslin  
Please tell Ramsey I am thinking of her, too.*

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**Susan Geeslin** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *SORry we can't be with you during this difficult time - we're praying for your strength*

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**Patty & Jim Slaughter** - December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I really enjoyed working with Sam many years ago at Railway Express. I would like to give my sincere condolences to the family. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Billy R. Oliver** - December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM