



Mr. Valkey (Val) Midkiff Tiernan

October 18, 1930 - March 25, 2016

Mr. Valkey (Val) Midkiff Tiernan, 85, of Albany died Friday Mar 25, 2016 at his residence.

His funeral service will be held Monday Mar 28, 2016 11:00AM at First Baptist Church of Albany with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. John Tarrer will be officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 10:00 to 11:00AM at First Baptist Church.

Born October 18, 1930 in Cabell County, Huntington, W. VA., Mr. Tiernan spent much of his adolescent years attending school in Logan County, Logan W. VA and later graduated from High School in McAllen, TX. Mr. Tiernan attended the University of Maryland.

Mr. Tiernan, formerly a deacon and 33 year member of First Baptist Church, was first and foremost a Christian, devoted to serving his Lord and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Tiernan enlisted in the United States Air Force on November 8, 1947 and retired on November 30, 1967. During that time, Mr. Tiernan served his country in many stateside assignments as well as in England, North Africa, German, Korea and Vietnam. At the time of retirement he performed the duties of Flight Engineer on C-141 aircraft flying world wide missions as well as in and out of Viet Nam. Mr. Tiernan was veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Upon retirement from the military, Mr. Tiernan was employed for 18 years in the engineering and maintenance department, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.,

Albany until factory closure.

Mr. Tiernan then worked 12 years for the engineering department, Repair Division, Marine Corps Logistics Base before retiring fully.

Mr. Tiernan was formerly a member of Triangle Lodge #708, A Master Mason, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, A Shriner and a past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star, Crepe Myrtle Chapter. Additionally, he was a past member of the Albany Exchange Club and a member of the American Legion, Post 30.

Mr. Tiernan's favorite hobby was writing poetry and prose.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 49 years, Jackie O. Tiernan, and his parents Michael Tiernan and Kathryn Midkiff Tiernan.

Survivors include his present beloved wife, Jo C. Tiernan; sons Steven A. Tiernan and his wife Cindy and Ryan C. Tiernan; a daughter Trudy A. Tiernan; grandchildren, Laura Smutz and her husband Joe, Rachel Dykes, Christin Breedlove and her husband Jeremy, Joe Tiernan and his wife Diana, Jack Tiernan and Austin Dykes; great-grandchildren Braylon Breedlove and Ivey Breedlove; His present wife's children and grandchildren, Lynn Fletcher and her husband Randy and Julie Bryant and her husband John; Chris Mitchell; grandchildren Eric Worley, Hunter Daughtry, Luke Mitchell, Sydney Bryant and two great-grandchildren; a brother, David M. Simonds of Corpus Christi, TX and sister, Susan Brehm of McAllen, TX;

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the St. Judes Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Of Albany
145 Oakland Parkway
Leesburg, GA 31763

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Valkey (Val) Midkiff Tiernan*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Valkey (Val) Midkiff Tiernan*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear Jo Tiernan and all Vals family, Val is the best brother a person could ever want. He was my hero my whole life. We grew up together starting in Logan, W. Va. and then at McAllen, Texas. Over the years we shared many memories and spent time together during visits when we visited him at Albany, Ga., and he came to McAllen, Tex to visit us. Later in life he visited me at Corpus Christi, Texas. We went on the Lexington Aircraft Carrier here at Corpus. We shared memories from the days when we were both in the U.S. Air Force. I loved Val and his whole family and so wished I was younger and in good health so I could come visit Val more often. We both talked to each other very often sharing our pain of our health problems. I'll never forget my last visit to Albany when he drove me all over town and we went to the beautiful parks and the Zoo. I told him he lived in such a beautiful city and it had so much compared to bigger citys. Thank you Jo for all the kindness you have shown me over the years and especially this last year. I was so upset at losing Val that I could not write this letter till now June 2016. May God bless Val's whole family and heal all health problems and wounds from the past. I love you all; and pray for God to be there for all of Val,s family. With much love, David M. Simonds, Val's brother.*

David M. Simonds - June 13, 2016 at 02:03 PM

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“ Dear Ryan and family,
We are sorry for your loss. We many fond memories of your dad at
FBC, Albany. May God fill the void in your life with His grace.
Neil & Cindy Brown

Neil & Cindy Brown - April 01, 2016 at 03:42 PM

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“ Trudy, We are so sorry to read of the loss of your father. We always
enjoyed his letters to the editor in the Albany Herald. I felt like I
knew him through these and through my friendship with you. May
he rest in peace and may you feel joy in knowing he is with the
Lord.
Peggy and Alan Ashley

Peggy Ashley - March 29, 2016 at 07:44 PM

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“ Val was a great Christian brother and meant a lot to me and all my
RA boys. We shared many great moments together on all those
camping trips and other outings. He was always there when we
needed him with such a great attitude. I will never forget him poling
his canoe along instead of paddling because he said that was more
efficient. Love you and we will meet again.

Wade Thomaston - March 29, 2016 at 02:51 PM

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“ Val was one of the kindest men I ever knew. We will miss you , Val,
but will always remember you by your beautiful poetry.
Love,
Bill & Helen Hopper

Helen Hopper - March 29, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ *Condolences. One of my childhood mentors. I had hoped to stop by and see him the next time I was in Albany. My prayers go out to your family and friends and I will see you again some day.*

God Bless you Coach T,

Steve Brannan

Steven Brannan - March 28, 2016 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Val. was one of the nicest people I have ever known. He always had a smile on his face and a love for Jesus in his heart. I am sure the Angels in Heaven are singing with a loud voice has he arrives! I will see you again my Christian brother. Cecil Fowler.*

cecil fowler - March 28, 2016 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Such a fine person. Thanks for all the years of sleepovers, camping, coaching, fishing, Sunday school, RA's, and all the in between. RIP my friend.*

adam metts - March 28, 2016 at 08:12 AM