



Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr.

September 18, 1935 - November 9, 2014

Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins, Jr., of Albany died Sunday Nov 9, 2014 at his residence.

Funeral service will held Saturday 2:00PM at First Presbyterian Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Tom Sparks and Mr. Alan Pendleton will be officiating.

The family will receive friends Friday 6:00 to 8:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

Mr. Hagins Jr. was born in Lancaster, South Carolina, in 1935. He moved to Albany, Georgia, at the age of 5 and graduated from Albany High School. He earned a Bachelors of Business Administration from Davidson College.

He served in Korea performing covert ops for the Army Security Agency. After 2 years he returned to civilian life and was later called back to active duty during the Berlin crisis. He retired as a captain in the US Army completing seven years of service and started his business career under his father at Belks Department Stores.

Following the death of his father, Tom Hagins, Waddell later assumed control over Belks-Hagins and expanded upon the business partnership that existed between the two families. Waddell said "I've worked all my life. I began working at Belks when I was 9 years old, and as a youth sold soft drinks at

ball games.”

Waddell was a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church of Albany Georgia; a founding director of First National Bank (currently Ameris Bank); a member of the board of trustees at Darton College; a member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club; a committee member for the Georgia employers support for the Guard and Reserve.

Mr. Hagins was preceded in death by his parents, Waddell (Tom) Mobley Hagins and Grace Harper Hagins.

Survivors include his wife, Suzann B. Hagins of Albany, his children, Ann Hagins Johnson of Albany, Pamela Hagins Buntin and her husband Bill of Albany and Thomas Hagins and his wife Hannah of Vinings, GA, grandchildren, MacKenzie George, Courtland Buntin and Harper Buntin, sisters, Sarah Grace Tarpley of Marietta and Eleanor Bradwell and her husband Gordon of Athens, GA, numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 220 N. Jackson St., Albany, GA 31701, American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Albany Community Hospice c/o Phoebe Foundation, P.O. Box 3770, Albany, GA 31706.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
220 N. Jackson St.
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Waddy and my husband, Richard (Dick) James (deseased) were long-time friends, High School, Davidson College, KA brothers. I just found out today that Waddy passed last year after a telephone call. I am so sad. We had many wonderful memories. He was best man at our wedding in Atlanta, Many years ago! Prayers for Suzann & family. Sandra N. James. Easley, South Carolina*

Sandra James - February 21, 2016 at 09:39 AM

LW

“ Our sympathies to the family. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time.

My mother, Bonnie McDonald Edwards, worked at Belks, as did our cousin, Bennie Johnson. Both are gone now, but we have many memories covering several years of the store and of the many people who worked there. Waddy always had a smile and a greeting.

Robert and Linda Wells

Linda Wells - November 17, 2014 at 08:45 AM

LP

“ *My Dear Neighbor Mr. Hagins ,I will miss you seeing you walk your little Dog ,meeting and chatting with you, .I do not know who will keep our Alley spotless as you did .See you in Heaven .Lavonda Paulk*

Lavonda Paulk - November 14, 2014 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ *I met Waddy in Kiwanis in 1978 and found out he was the uncle of one of my best friends Sam Hagins who I grew up with in Americus in the 1950's & 1960's. Waddy was one of my favorite people and I always asked Waddy about Sam who I lost touch with for a while but now Sam & I are back close friends. Whenever I talked to Waddy it was like talking to family. I will make it to visitation but sorry not to service Sat. because of family obligations. Bill McMath*

Bill McMath - November 14, 2014 at 08:16 AM

LL

“ *Dear Hagins Family.
I had the honor and privilege of working or Mr.Hagins at Belks and served him during my tenure at Ameris Bank. He once referred to me as" Mrs America" and as he said it just stuck. He was a wonderful and kind man to everyone he met. He just made a person feel good with his presence. You are all in my prayers. May God Bless You All.*

LINDA LEACH

LINDA LEACH - November 13, 2014 at 08:32 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr..*



November 13, 2014 at 01:10 PM

LL

“ *Family of Mr. Hagins, He always had a smile on his face, my prayers are with you all, Lou Johnson Lee*

Lou Lee - November 13, 2014 at 11:19 AM

PM

“ Dear Hagins family,

I shared a great friendship with Waddy during the years I was Sports Editor at The Albany Herald and he was at Belk's. He was one of the kindest, most friendly people I have ever known. We shared great conversations over the years. I pray God will strengthen you in this time of loss and sorrow. Waddy has gone home and is in good hands. Take comfort in God's love and in the memories Waddy left you. Good people like him are rarer these days.

*Paul McCorvey
Manchester, GA*

Paul McCorvey - November 13, 2014 at 08:23 AM

CL

“ *Mrs. Hagins and kids, please accept my deepest sympathies. Mr. Hagins gave me my first real job after I graduated high school. Some of my fondest memories are of the old crew when the Mall store opened. He loved life and that's a blessing in it's self. You are in my prayers.*

Connie Pate Lundy - November 12, 2014 at 09:53 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. God will definitely show you the way. I know this experience will change you forever. Just remember all the good times you shared with your husband, father, grandfather, and friend and all the love he gave you throughout the years. He is not gone. He will live in your hearts forever. If there is anything we at St. Teresa's can do please do not hesitate to let us know.

Mrs. Merlong Taylor

Continue to be a blessing to God and to others

Mrs. M. Taylor - November 12, 2014 at 11:38 AM

PL

“ My Mom worked for Mr. Hagins at Belk. She thought a lot of him. When my family moved to North Carolina, he helped her get a job with a Belk store there. I often saw him in the store, talking with customers and employees.

Paul Ladd - November 12, 2014 at 09:23 AM

LP

“ Our prayers are with you. Waddy was a good man and we all enjoyed working on volunteer projects through Kiwanis when he was active. May God's blessings be with your family and bring back all the sweet memories you had.

Larry Price - November 12, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr..*



November 12, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ *I will greatly miss Mr. Hagins. He had become a great friend and I looked forward to our meetings when he came into the office at Sculley, Ladson, & Cooling.*
Dawn Jones

Dawn Jones - November 12, 2014 at 08:18 AM



“ *I worked at Ameris Bank for 18 years and it was a pleasure to know Mr. Hagins. He was a fine man and will be sorely missed in the local community.*
Chuck Owens

Chuck Owens - November 12, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ *I have wonderful memories of Mr. Hagins. I enjoyed working at Belks under his care. He always stopped and spoke to me when he saw me out and about. Prayers for his family during this hard time.*

Alice Reimer Hathcock - November 12, 2014 at 07:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Waddell "Waddy" Mobley Hagins Jr..*



November 11, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ *He was such a special person and meant so much to me, Never forget the day he called me on the phone to see if I needed a job, and never regretted working for him, a special person as Suzanne a very special person too. Suzanne you will be so lost and miss him so much my heart and thoughts go out to you, but I know God will help heal that loss, just stay close in your heart and faith, and love on those kids, and grandkids they are all a part of him ! He will always be right there with you in your heart ! Wish Richard and I could be there for his service and if we weren't so far away We would be.Hugs to you and the family:!*

Nancy Lukens - November 11, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr.Hagins was a wonderful man. He will not only be missed by me but by all those whose lives he touched. I am praying for you Mrs.Hagins and your family during this time. May God Bless and keep you all.
He will never be forgotten and I really enjoyed the years I worked for him at Belk.*

Sincerely,

Sandra Paschal (Belk employee)

Sandra Paschal - November 11, 2014 at 08:35 AM

MH

“ I'm in tears today as I found out about Waddy passing away..
He was the last of the Great Men in my live who nurtured and mentored me. I truly cannot imagine where our families life would be without him in it.
He's never been far from my thoughts on any given day. We will all miss him until the day we join him .
Micah

Micah Hagins - November 11, 2014 at 07:24 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Hagins was my mentor/boss for many years. He was a fine Christian man and truly loved his family. My prayers are with you all in the coming days.
Gwen Holley White

Gwen Holley White - November 10, 2014 at 04:36 PM