



Mr. William Ralph Gresham, Sr. Obituary

February 12, 1915 - November 8, 2008

Mr. William Ralph Gresham, Sr. 93 of 2331 Pendleton St. in Albany died November 8, 2008 at his residence. A native of Dadeville, AL, Mr. Gresham was born February 12, 1915 to the late William Henry and Sara Elizabeth Pearson Gresham. He attended Opelika Elementary School in Opelika, AL and graduated from Tallapoosa County High School in Dadeville, AL in 1934. Mr. Gresham started his career with Georgia Power Company Aug. of 1936 in Columbus, GA as a helper and forester. He became truck driver and line crew in 1938 and service man in 1940. Through his career with Georgia Power Co. Mr. Gresham served as local manager in several towns including Alma, GA, Richland, GA and Montezuma, GA. In 1963 he served as Assistant District Manager of the Summerville District at Chickamauga and 1966 as the Assistant District Manager of the Cedartown District in Cedartown, GA and later retired as Cedartown District Manager in 1980. During his tenure with Georgia Power Mr. Gresham always gave back civically to the communities in which he lived. He was past-president of the Lions Club in Alma, vice - president and director of the Kiwanis Club in Montezuma, Man of the Year in Bacon Co., GA in 1953, member of the Chamber of Commerce in all towns where he resided; serving as president in Alma, GA, Montezuma, GA and later in Cedartown, GA in 1969 and was man of the year in 1970. Mr. Gresham was past director of the Heart Fund drive and later served as the chairman of the Industrial Drive. He also served on the Flint River Development Association in Macon, Co. GA for 8 years. Mr. Gresham was a

member of the Board of Deacons in Baptist churches in Alma, Richland, Montezuma, Chickamauga and Cedartown serving as chairman in Alma and Chickamauga. He also served as Governor's Aides to several Georgia Governors and was an avid pilot. Mr. Gresham has lived in Albany since 1981 where he was a member of First Baptist Church and the Southwest Georgia Exchange Club. Survivors include his son, William Ralph Gresham, Jr. and his wife Linda of Columbia, SC, daughter, Nancy Gresham Crowe and her husband the late Gene Crowe of Albany, grandchildren, William Gresham III and his wife Toni of Columbia, SC, Mary Ann Berry of Florence, SC, Frank Crowe and his wife Emily of Calhoun, GA, Jennifer Venable and her husband Dave of Albany, 10 great-grandchildren, brother, Rev. Billy Gresham and his wife Catherine of Sylacauga, AL, sister, Margaret Gresham Jackson of Dadeville, AL, numerous and much loved nieces and nephews, sister-in-law, Jeanette Gresham and her husband the late Frank Gresham of Decatur, AL, Dr. Peggy Pinkston. Mr. Gresham was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ernestine P. Gresham and brothers, Edward Gresham and Frank Gresham. Those desiring may make memorial to the Southwest Georgia Exchange Club.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Ralph Gresham, Sr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. William Ralph Gresham, Sr. Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear Nancy, Nan and I just learned of the death of your dear Dad. I am so sorry to hear the news. He was one of the most loving men I have ever known for your mom, you and your family and the Lord Jesus. When he had his near death experience several years ago and I saw him in the emergency room at Palmyra Hospital and had prayer with him. He later told me "I guess the Lord is not ready for me yet. I have more to do." I assured him the Lord wanted him to take care of his dear wife and he said he was glad to do it. He will always be in my as a man of great character, great love and a great love for life. I know you will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. In His Spirit, Jim Ramsey*

Nan and Jim Ramsey - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss.*

Cindy and Neil Brown - November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So special you all are in our hearts and prayers..What a wonderful daughter you have been to your sweet dad..He was a very blessed man indeed to have had your devoted love for so long...Love to you all..

Molly and Bill Swan - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Family, your Dad, Grandfather, was a wonderful person and I loved him. I took him to Exchange until he was unable to attend. We joked and he always challenged me to "go outside and he would straighten me out". I'm sorry that I did not get to tell you my stories about this wonderful man-but- I was having some testing done. He brightened every day that I was around him.

Lamar Deaver - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Mr. Gresham was a great teacher of life. He taught me many things. A Great man and I am proud to have known him. God bless his family

Merrill and Brenda Dye - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Nancy and family, May God be with you'll during this time. Your Dad was a fine man and will be missed. Sicerely,Cecil and Diane Fowler

cecil fowler - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Dear Gresham Family,
My Father, Hugh Smith, was friends with Mr. Gresham when he lived in Alma, Ga. He remembered him fondly with many stories. My condolences to his family.
Kay Smith Riggle*

Kay Smith Riggle - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Mr. Ralph was such a close friend to our dad, T.K. Powell. Mr. Ralph and TK walked many a mile around their neighborhood and they loved to tease one another. And Nancy, you are dearly remembered as the neighbor that brought Mr. TK and Mrs. Inez some delicious food. We have thought of Mr. Ralph frequently and know that now he and TK are joking and laughing with each other once again while walking on those streets of gold.*

James and Nancy Powell - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Mrs. Crowe, Frank, and Jennifer,*

You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad/granddad was such a sweet man and I will always remember the kindness that he always showed to me.

Leslie Partridge - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Nancy, I have such fond memories of your parents bringing in flowers to all of us at Phoebe Northwest when they came to walk on the track. I so admire your father and his love and devotion to your mother. I never know if someone is in Phoebe, so I do hope I did not miss a chance when he was here to let him know how much I cared about him. Thank you for always making him feel so special. I know he was special to you, but he was also very special to me.

Bland Cleesattle - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ The legacy of this gentleman is evident in the character of his son. Condolences to family and friends.

Davis Hook, Jr. - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Frank, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. God Bless You.
Karen Brackett

Karen Brackett - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ May our loving Father in heaven, comfort all sorrowing heart, knowing that we have a heavenly home awaiting us where there will be no more death or sorrow.
My prayers are with you now and always. Dot Riffel

Dot Riffel - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our Prayers are with you and your family. Always know that the Lord has your mother in his arms and she is smiling down on you with his Grace.

God Bless you and may the Lord give you safety on your way home. We will hope to see you soon.

Our Love,
Ron & Rosanne

Ron & Rosanne Mankin - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Emily M. just told me about your Grandfather and Andrea and I are sorry for your loss. Hope you and your mom are doing OK.

Van and Andrea Jones - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Nancy, Frank, jennifer, I was reading the Herald on line and saw where Mr. Gresham passed away. Sylvia and I are so sorry to hear of this and know you will miss him. We lost my mother 10-14-08 and have been so involved in handling her affairs we did not know of Ralph's death until I saw it tonight while checking the Herald on line. We were out of town when they had the RR show in Dothan this year and wondered if Frank made it this year. Again, sorry for your loss, and I remember him ,Ralph,being a fun loving individual who really loved his family, especially his grandchildren, Frank and Jennifer.

john stovall - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Nancy,

I was so sorry to read in the paper regarding Ralph's passing. I considered him and Ernestine dear friends although I did not know them for a long perior of time. I met them on the walking track at Phoebe. My husband and I were priviledged to make pictures of his brother, Frank's. grave when we went to Decatur, Al. Ralph was so proud of these pictures as he was unable to attend the funeral.

My sincere condolences go out to you and the rest of the family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mildred Crabtree - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM