



## William E. Vinson Obituary

August 31, 1916 - July 2, 2006

William E. Vinson, 89 of Leesburg, died July 2, 2006 at his residence following an illness. His funeral service will be 11 AM Thursday July 6, 2006 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors and the internment will follow at 3 PM at Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald GA. Rev. Ken Chancellor will officiate. A native of Americus, Mr. Vinson was a graduate of Fitzgerald High School, attended Middle Georgia College and was a 1939 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science Aeronautical Degree. Following graduation became an Aeronautical Engineer and Airship Pilot. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served our country during WWII as a Navy Pilot and then served in the United States Navy Reserve and retired as Lieutenant Commander. He was a Shriner, a member of the Hasan Temple and a member of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. He was associated with Vinson's Motors of Fitzgerald; past owner and operator of Vinson's Investors of Albany and Vinson's Realty of Eufaula AL. He was a member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: his wife Dorothy Louise Strickland Vinson of Leesburg, a son, William Wayne Vinson of Buena Vista, a daughter, Sheila Antoinette Kennedy of Collins, a step-son Tony Curtis Lockhart of Columbus, a step-daughter Deborah Kay Crosthwaite of St. Petersburg, FL, 2 grandchildren: Jack Wesley Kennedy (Tracy) of Claxton, Kimberly Dawn Brannen (Aulbert) of Statesboro, 4 great-grandchildren Holland Anna Kennedy and William Robert Kennedy, both of Claxton, Judson Brannen and John Daniel Brannen, both of Statesboro; 2 step-grandchildren: Timothy

Curtis Lockhart and Derrick Eugene Lockhart, both of Columbus. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 PM Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. Memorial contributions may be made to Albany Community Hospice, 2332 Lake Park Dr. / P.O. Box 1828, Albany, Georgia 31702.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Vinson Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *William E. Vinson Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *William E. Vinson Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I signed the guestbook and failed to leave my e-mail address.*

*Becky*

**Becky and Ray Carlton** - March 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sheila & Wayne,

*I just read on-line about your Dad passing away in 06...sorry I didn't know sooner, but just wanted to extend my sympathy to you two and your families.*

*Don't know if you remember me, but I was your Dad's Secretary at Vinson Investments for 10 years--from 1962 to 1972. I have some wonderful memories of those years and what a great man Mr. Vinson was to work for. I remember your visits to the office and how proud your Dad always seemed of both of you and his Grandchildren. Would love to hear from you if you'd like to e-mail me. I know it's unusual to have the Guestbook signed after such a long time, but I did not know until now.*

*Mr. Vinson was so very respected in his Profession and I'm sure he's been missed by all who knew and loved him.*

*I pray for God's comfort and peace for all of his family.*

*God bless each of you,*

*Becky and Ray Carlton*

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**Becky and Ray Carlton** - March 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Daddy Bill was a Fine gentleman and the best Step Dad I ever had. I will miss you more than anyone will ever know. I love Daddy Bill and he will always be in my heart.*

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**Debbie Crosthwaite** - July 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time.*

*Take Care Wes.*

*Shelly Fox*

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**Shelly Fox** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Sweet Dorothy,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of  
Daddy Bill.  
I will call you later to talk.*

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**Jean Cauley** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Dorothy, I don't know if you remember me but I had an insurance  
agency in the office that adjoined Bill's investment agency office in  
Albany. Thought a lot of Bill and am sorry to hear of his death. My  
best to you and family during this time.*

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**Glenn Watkins** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Thinking of you in this time of sorrow.*

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**Judy Thurston** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Aunt Dorothy, I am very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and  
prayers will be with you. We love you.  
Brenda, Derrell, & Martha*

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**Brenda Newberry** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM