



Mr. Winston L. Pannell

March 12, 1937 - April 24, 2023

Winston L. Pannell, age 86, died on April 24, 2023 with his family at his side. He spent the previous 2 ½ weeks at his home in Lee County surrounded by family and friends as he struggled through the final stage of Parkinson's Disease, which he'd had for 19 years.

The service will be at 2:00pm on Friday, April 28th at Kimbrell-Stern, followed by interment at Crown Hill Cemetery. Pastor Bill Parker will officiate. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:00pm at Kimbrell-Stern prior to the service.

Winston Lee Pannell was born on March 12, 1937 to Johnnie Newton Pannell and Beulah Mae Justice Pannell in Sylacauga, AL. He had 6 brothers and 4 sisters and spent his youth in the Red Rock Community of Worth County, just down the road from his future wife, Patricia Barfield. He graduated from Sylvester High School and was voted Most Talented by his classmates for his ability to sing the songs of Hank Williams in perfect pitch. After graduation, he went to work with two of his older brothers at what was then Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. He and brother Gordon later bought the business from brother William, and it became Standard Plumbing Co. He left that business around 1985 to form Custom Builders, and then in 1990, he became Facilities Director for the Dougherty County School System. He retired in 2002.

Winston was a poet and a songwriter and was known for his ability to write beautiful poems and songs for his wife, such as Blue Ribbon Girl, as well as heart-felt birthday cards for his children and grandchildren. He loved to play his guitar, and it was discovered a few years ago, that in the 1980s, he wrote and recorded a dozen songs on a tape player in his bedroom closet, which was unknown to everyone but himself until the last few years. In his early married life, he loved to fish Ft. Gaines and the Flint River with his best friend and brother-in-law, Maxwell Davis, who passed away last month. Winston was a master carpenter and built three beautiful homes for his family, as well as custom trim work and built-in heart pine bookcases. He was also a skilled furniture maker and craftsman. He was always willing to lend a hand to his neighbors, family and friends when help was needed. He just knew how to get many things done to a home quickly and efficiently.

He was a deacon and teacher at Eager Avenue Grace Church in Albany, GA since 1985 and before that, at First Baptist Church in Albany. He was a student of the Word and a gifted Bible teacher and could quote whole books and chapters of the Bible. He rarely needed a hymnal, as he knew most of the words by heart.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Beulah Pannell, his brothers William Pannell, Charles Ray Pannell, Lavon Pannell and Roger Pannell and a sister, Mildred Christie.

He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 65 years, Patricia B. Pannell, his daughters, Andrea S. Pannell, Leesburg, GA; Jennifer P. VanZandt (Dennis) of Loganville, GA and Amy P. Hiers (Rodney) also of Leesburg, GA; his grandson Michael Winston Lee of Leesburg GA, granddaughter Mariel Moore of Atlanta, GA, and step-granddaughter Amber VanZandt of Grayson, GA; brothers Gordon Pannell of Albany, GA and Mark (Becky) Pannell of

Leesburg, sisters Fran Leiter of Doerun, GA, Dorothy Elizabeth (Cookie) Kirksey of Albany, GA and Jo Carroll (Carl) Lewis of Villa Rica, GA, and surviving in-laws Virginia Pannell, Sylvester, GA, Sylvia Pannell, Snellville, GA, Ann Pannell, Tupelo, MS, Dot Pannell, Rocky Mount, NC, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their many offspring.

The family would like to thank special caregivers Sandra Malone, Linda Whitlock, Annette Brazier and Valerie Metcalf for the excellent care they gave our daddy for the past 2 years. We'd also like to thank the staff of Phoebe Hospice, especially Dawn Ellis, Kari Pryor, Veronica Fudge, Kathalean Guy and Whitney Dale, for the compassionate and professional care they showed each time they visited our home, which allowed our daddy to transition peacefully from this life to his Heavenly home.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ I was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) four years ago. For over two years, I relied on various medications and therapies, but unfortunately, the symptoms kept getting worse. My muscle weakness increased, my mobility declined rapidly, and everyday tasks became more difficult. Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try a herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My muscle strength improved, I felt more control in my movements, and my energy levels rose. Incredibly, I also regained much of my confidence and independence. It's been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I've felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with ALS, I truly recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at www.naturepathherbalclinic.com

Greta - November 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MB

“ In 2019, I began experiencing symptoms of Parkinson's disease, which was diagnosed in 2021. Among my severe symptoms were tremors, difficulty walking, weakness throughout my body, and stiffness and rigidity. My meds only provided temporary relief, so I decided to try other approaches and started the PD-5 treatment program from uinehealthcentre.net. With the help of this therapy regimen, I have seen significant improvements in my walking, balance, tremors, and appetite, and I have resumed my guitar playing again and sign my name as I had before Parkinson's. I am incredibly grateful.

Melissa Baez - May 29, 2025 at 09:31 AM

MB

“ I was sorry to hear of Winston's passing. I pray for God's peace and comfort during this sad time.

Mary Helen Barfield - May 03, 2023 at 07:39 PM

KB

“ Winston was a wonderful life long friend to our family. In the late 80s, a tornado swept through our property, and blew down a HUGE cedar tree. My Daddy, (Bubber Pierce) managed to rescue the base of the cedar tree. He dried the lumber in his barn for a number of years. Winston, with his superior carpentry skills, built a BEAUTIFUL cedar chest, which Daddy gave to my Mom (Catherine Pierce). The cedar chest is absolutely heirloom quality. In later years, I worked with Winston on a number of engineering projects through the DCSS. He was a fine Christian and friend. Our prayers are with his family and loved ones, as you adjust to his home going. He will be missed.

Kay Pierce Bradley - May 02, 2023 at 08:29 AM

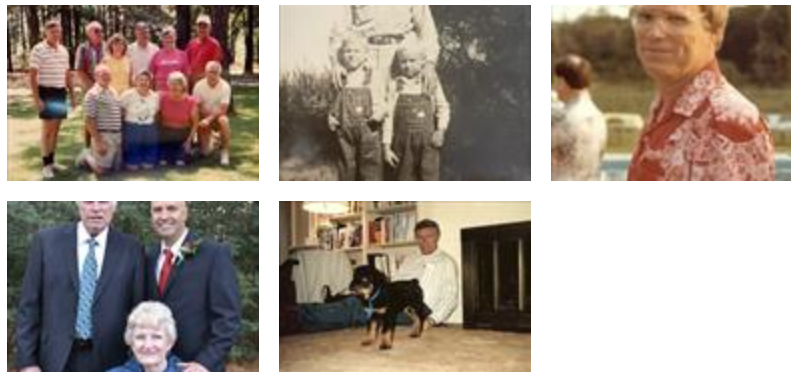
JS

“ Patricia and girls. So sorry abt Winston's passing. Just now finding out he had passed. I always enjoyed visiting with Winston at the Barfield family reunions. He was one of my favorite family members. I remember his talented guitar playing and singing. He was one of the finest Christian men. Such a wonderful husband and father. I know he will be greatly missed by many. You all are in my thoughts and prayers as I share y our grief in the loss of your dear loved one.

Judy Barfield Smith - April 29, 2023 at 01:38 AM

AP

“ 23 files added to the album *Winston Pannell*



Andrea Pannell - April 27, 2023 at 09:35 PM

DP

“ *I will always remember the time in 2004 when Uncle Winston helped me build our kitchen table. He graciously shared his wood working knowledge, skill, and patience to help me make a beautiful table and base we still love today and will cherish always. I think of him every time I look at that table. A great man. I will miss his wit, his strength, and his love of his family.*

Dennis Pannell - April 27, 2023 at 08:53 PM

AP

I remember when y'all worked on that. He said you had a really nice table from the reclaimed wood....was it from the Red Rock School they tore down? Anyway, I saw it firsthand a few Thanksgivings ago, and it is priceless.

Andrea Pannell - May 10, 2023 at 09:51 AM

DP

“ I will always remember the time we spent together in 2004 building our kitchen table in his workshop. Uncle Winston patiently shared his wood working knowledge, skill, and tools to help me make a beautiful table top and base that we love today and will cherish always. I think of him every time I sit down at that table. A great man. Though I didn't see him often, I will miss him.



Dennis Pannell - April 27, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.



April 27, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.



April 27, 2023 at 06:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 26, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Ken and Ginger Carder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



Ken and Ginger Carder - April 26, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Just a few years ago Winston and family came to our house to go swimming. Apparently, Winston was having a really good day because when he got to the pool, he walked down to the deep end and just dove in. Everybody was SO surprised and he just had a blast! That was a great day and one I will never forget. Monica Hayes*

Monica Hayes - April 26, 2023 at 01:37 PM



Monica, it WAS a great day and he enjoyed himself.

Andrea Pannell - April 26, 2023 at 10:12 PM



i remember that day Monica! :-)

rodney hiers - April 27, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 26, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *From the Mike Loosier Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



From the Mike Loosier Family - April 26, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 26, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *MARTIN-ROBBINS FENCE CO., INC. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



MARTIN-ROBBINS FENCE CO., INC. - April 26, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



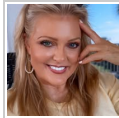
April 26, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Sending love, hugs and prayers to you Amy, Rodney, Michael and all of Mr. Pannell's family. We are deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. Love you Amy!*

Christy and James Griffin

Christy Griffin - April 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM



Thank you so much, my sweet friend!

Amy Lee Hiers - April 26, 2023 at 11:59 AM



so sweet, thank u Christy :-)

rodney hiers - April 27, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 26, 2023 at 10:25 AM

WF

“ *With love. Julia Duncan and Texas family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*

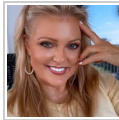


With love. Julia Duncan and Texas family. - April 26, 2023 at 09:55 AM

BA

“ *Uncle Winston was such a joker. Once, after an extended sleep over, We were all driving back out to Red Rock. He had promised that we would stop at the new Burger King on the way. This was quite a treat for me, so I was very excited. As we approached the restaurant, he said he had changed his mind and sped right by. I wanted to cry, but he started laughing and made a U turn at the next intersection. I've never forgotten that. <3*

Bambi - April 26, 2023 at 06:03 AM



Hahahahahaha 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

Amy Lee Hiers - April 26, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CC

“ *Cliff, Bambi, and Ian Crivello purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



Cliff, Bambi, and Ian Crivello - April 26, 2023 at 05:58 AM

NR

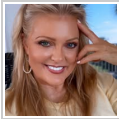
“ I thought highly of Mr. Pannell when we worked together at DCSS as well as when his children came through Albany Junior High!

Nancy Reimer - April 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM

AP

Thank you!

Andrea Pannell - April 25, 2023 at 08:27 PM



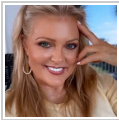
Thank you Mrs Reimer! ❤️❤️

Amy Lee Hiers - April 26, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss Amy, Rodney, and family. Y'all are in our prayers. Love y'all!!

Danielle Hiers - April 25, 2023 at 07:47 PM



Thank you so much Danielle

Amy Lee Hiers - April 26, 2023 at 09:24 AM

RH

Thank u Danielle, love this! Love ya'll :-)

rodney hiers - April 27, 2023 at 12:26 PM

EK

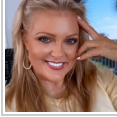
“ Winston Pannell was one of the finest man I've ever known... not because of his personal righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ, which he preached. He was a mentor and a friend humble, but learned he was a disciple of Christ, and lived it his entire life. Well done good and faithful servant.

Ed Knox - April 25, 2023 at 07:15 PM

AP

Thank you or your kind words. He enjoyed the times you shared.

Andrea Pannell - April 25, 2023 at 08:26 PM



So sweet of you Ed. Thank you so much.

Amy Lee Hiers - April 26, 2023 at 09:24 AM

OL

Absolutely a fine man and father who loved the Gospel of His Lord and Savior Christ Jesus

Oscar Loosier - April 26, 2023 at 12:28 PM

RH

thank u Ed! He loved the opportunity to talk about Christ's righteousness.

rodney hiers - April 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 25, 2023 at 07:03 PM

MF

“ *Mark, Becky and Family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



Mark, Becky and Family - April 25, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston L. Pannell.*



April 25, 2023 at 05:57 PM