

# Obituaries

## Julian Lawton

The funeral service of Julian Lawton, 54, of 164 Cambridge Road, Albany, who died Tuesday, February 28, 2006 was conducted Friday at 1:00 p.m. at Beattie Road Church of Christ. Ministers Eddie Garcia, Bill Rowden and Maurice Johnson, Jr. officiated. Interment followed at Andersonville National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

A native of Colquitt County, Georgia, Mr. Lawton had resided in Albany since 1991, moving from Great Lakes, IL. He was retired from the U. S. Navy serving for twenty-one years and was a member of Lee County Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Susan Lawton of Albany, a son, Jason P. Lawton of Athens, Ga., a daughter, Christi Suzanne Lawton Harp of McDonough, GA., his mother and her husband, Doris and Willie Curles of Albany, three brothers, Andy Lawton and Russell Lawton of Albany and Sam Lawton of Summerhill, SC, three sisters, Bobbie Cox and Judy Goins of Albany and Doris Ann Smith of Lake Seminole, GA.

To sign our online registry or to send your condolences to the family, you may visit Mathews' website at [www.mathewsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mathewsfuneralhome.com).

## Marshall L. "Chief" Tarpley

Born on May 8, 1922, in High Shoals, GA, Marshall L. "Chief" Tarpley died February 28, 2006, at the Veterans Hospital in Dublin, GA. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Bonner Tarpley, children, Marshall L. Tarpley, Jr. and his wife, Glenda of Weatherford, TX, Gary B. Tarpley of Albany, GA and Beverly Tarpley Long and her husband, Tyler of Lexington, VA, a granddaughter, Briana Nichole Phelps of Macon, GA, great-grandson Gabriel Phelps, three brothers, Bob Tarpley of Charleston, SC, Jack Tarpley of Dalton, GA and Harry Tarpley of Hendersonville, TN and a sister, Rebecca Tarpley of Stone Mountain, GA.

Enlisting in the U. S. Navy in 1942 and volunteering for submarine duty, he completed six war patrols on the USS Raton and the USS Spot, and was on a total of seven submarines and completed his final tour of duty on the Franklin D. Roosevelt aircraft carrier Chief of the Boat on both the USS Sarda and the USS Clamagore, he ended his naval career serving on recruiting duty in Albany, GA retiring there in 1968.

Known by friends as "Chief", he enjoyed a full and active life involved in local and state political campaigns, as a regular greeter at First Christian Church, and was a feared dominos player with his regular buddies around Albany. He loved of fishing, reading the morning paper, riding in his truck, and most of all giving his "unique" creations to everyone he met. Among his talents were making pear preserves, designing walking sticks and the production of the ultimate in old-fashioned, hand-held fans.

A brother, a husband and a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, but perhaps, most special, he was a World War II submarine veteran that fought to secure the freedom of our country. Among his citations are the Submarine Combat Patrol Pin, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal. He attended the annual meetings of his shipmates from the USS Spot and recently was reunited with one shipmate he had not seen in over 60 years. His family accompanied him to the dedication of the World War II monument in Washington, D. C. in 2004. At annual Veteran's Day celebrations he often asked that others remember "his 3600 shipmates aboard

52 submarines that are still on patrol".

His funeral service was conducted Friday, March 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church. Rev. Tommy Lowery and Mr. Charlie Jenkins officiated. Interment followed in Andersonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to one of the following: St. Mary's Submarine Museum, 102 St. Mary's Street West, St. Mary's GA 31558, First Christian Church, Building Fund, 416 N. Westover Road, Albany, GA, 31707 or Albany Community Hospice, P. O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702.

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## Robert F. ( Bob ) Evans

The funeral service of Robert F ( Bob ) Evans, 75, of 591 Middle Road, Leesburg, who died Wednesday March 1, 2006 was conducted Saturday March 4, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Albany Christian Church. Pastor Buddy Harris officiated. Interment followed in Leesburg Cemetery.

A native of Newport News, VA., Mr. Evans was a retired correctional officer retiring from the State of Florida, he was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the army and a member of the Albany Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lila Evans, Leesburg, GA., a son, Robert D. Evans, Planta City, FL, two daughters, Jessica Stephenedis and Alexis Swann both of Ft Myers, FL., three step-sons, Velton H. ( Butch ) Mathis, Jr., Perry A Mathis, Lyle J Mathis, Sr. all of Lee Co., GA., a step-daughter, Kathryn ( Kathy ) M Albright, Leesburg, GA, two brothers, James V Evans, Fairfax, VA., Thomas Evans, Vicksburg, MS, a sister Dorothy Nemeth, San Diego, CA, seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Jack F. Varner

The funeral service of Jack F. Varner, 74, of 223 Old Stage Road, Leesburg, who died Friday, March 3, 2006, was conducted Monday at 2:00 P.M. at Leesburg Cemetery. Rev. Bobby Moye officiated.

A native of Sasser, Ga., born to Leon Earl and Mary Alice Morrow Varner, Mr. Varner had resided in Leesburg most of his life. He graduated from Lee County High School and attended Georgia Southwestern University, Georgia State University and graduated form Woodrow Wilson College of Law. Mr. Varner was a Korean veteran, serving in the Air Force. He was an attorney and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Leesburg.

Survivors include his two daughters and their husbands, Scarlett and Alan Hudson and Sherry and Paul Koster, all of Albany, two grandsons, Hunter Koster and Gage Koster. Mr. Varner was preceded in death by his wife, Denise Etris Varner and a sister, Barbara Cadwell.

Those desiring may make contributions to their favorite charity.

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## Mary M. Barfield

Mary M. Barfield, 73, formerly of Lakeshore Dr. in Albany, died Sunday, March 5, 2006 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital following an illness.

Her funeral service was Tuesday at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Lester Allen officiated.

A native and life-long resident of Albany, Mrs. Barfield was a Baptist and attended Bible Baptist Church. She was a avid poetry writer, and won a contest for her poetry. She was preceded in death by her husband George A. Barfield, Sr.

Survivors include two sons: Andy Barfield and his wife Becky, Albany, and Randy Barfield and his wife Cissy, DeFuniak Springs, FL; 4 grandchildren: Jesse Barfield, Ceely Anne Barfield, Mary Rebecca Barfield, and Clayton Brannon.

Those desiring may send memorials to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 1923, Albany, GA 31702.

You may sign the guest book and share your own memories with the family of Mary M. Barfield by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

## William Don Kearce, Sr.

William Don Kearce, Sr. was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 4, 2006. He died at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, GA. He was the son of the late Gertrude Youngblood Kearce and William Walter (Hane) Kearce of Albany. He was also preceded in death by a brother Eddie Kerce

He was born in Turner County, Georgia on April 15, 1918, and moved to Albany in 1948. He spent most of his life in the pecan and produce business, as well as farming. Mr. Kearce enjoyed a full and active life. He loved fishing, gardening, and yard work, but most of all reading his Bible, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife Linda Kearce, Lee County, his children. Sylvia Casey and her husband Jim, Tasha Bowman and her husband Donnie, Don Kearce, Jr and his wife Lora, all of Albany, Karen Lightfoot and her husband Darrell, Jann Hatsell and her husband Al, all of Thomasville, GA; brother and sister: Woody Kearce and his wife Ruth, Albany, Eunice Holoman, Hendersonville, NC; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kearce's funeral service was Tuesday at Leesburg Cemetery.

You may sign the guest book and share your own special memories with the family of William Don Kearce, Sr. by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

## Bernadine C. Mills

Bernadine C. Mills, 87, of Lee County, died Sunday, March 5, 2006 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

Her remains have been cremated and a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

A native of Columbia Station, OH, Mrs. Mills moved to Albany in 1994 from St. Petersburg, FL. She retired from General Electric Corporation. Mrs. Mills was a member of Leesburg Methodist Church, Moose Lodge and the Golden Key Club. She was preceded in death by her husbands: Clarence C. "Bob" Cleesattle and Gilbert C. Mills; and a sister, Evelyn Miles.

Mrs. Mills is survived by two sons: Clarence "Bill" Cleesattle and his wife Carol of St. Petersburg, FL and Donald

Cleesattle and his wife Bland of Leesburg; five grandchildren: Kim Buchanan, Nicole Corvin and her husband Greg, Don Cleesattle, Jr. and his wife Kim, Ken Cleesattle, and Jason Cleesattle; seven great-grand-

children; and a sister, Ida Valley of St. Petersburg, FL. Those desiring may make memorials to Lights of Love, c/o Phoebe Foundation, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702-1828.

You may sign the online guestbook and share your own special thoughts and memories with the family of Mrs. Mills by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

## Lee County High School Honor Roll

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11th grade: Samuel Bailey, Christen Bickerstaff, Josh Breeden, Ashley Coleman, Elizabeth Collins, Jami Dedge, Jessica Farley, Kevin Gahagan, Anna Hardie, Jeremy Harp, Jennifer Huggins, Sarah Jeffcoat, Kayla Jones, Thomas McSwain, Daniel Mercer, Tushar Patel, Douglas Ritchie, Lauren Schoenberger, Mary Sellers, Patrick Shealy, Claressa Thomas, Laine Venable, Ashley Viquez, Catherine Warren, Amanda Williamson, Hannah Williford, Chelsea Wingfield.

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Conlan, Candice Couch, Katelyn Crites, Mason Davis, Chase Dervan, Nathan Elder, Angela Esco, Mark Fletcher, Nathan Gilchrist, William Hackett, Jennifer Hall, Haley Hardin, Jeannie Hartley, Dana Highfill, Branden Hoffman, Megann Johnson, Stephanie Jones, Brandon Kyzar, Lindsey Landreneau, Kameron Lovell, Kara Maples, Armetta Miller, Heather Millington, Karen Morgan, Cameron O'Neal, Bryan Owens, Justin Owens,

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