



Mr. J. Gordon Farmer

January 14, 1921 - October 19, 2012

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. J. Gordon Farmer, 91, of Dunbarton Drive, who entered peacefully into rest October 19, 2012 at the home he built and loved, will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr., Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr., and Dr. John M. Newell, III officiating. Interment in Westover Memorial Park with Veterans Honors.

Gordon was born in Stellaville, GA, the youngest of 6 children of Henry & Clara Farmer. He graduated from Wrens HS in 1938. In 1939, he entered Georgia Tech, where he graduated in 1943 with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He loved and supported Georgia Tech for the rest of his life. In March, 2011, he was honored by the school by being inducted into the "Georgia Tech Engineering Hall of Fame". He was recognized for "his accomplishments professionally and personally that exemplify the pinnacle of success for a Georgia Tech graduate".

In 1943, Gordon was commissioned as a 2nd LT. in the Army Air Corp. He served in WWII as a 1st Lt and lead navigator in the 490th Bomber Group of the Mighty 8th Air Force in England. He and his crew flew 17 missions over Europe. Gordon's group was awarded the 'Presidential Citation for outstanding Combat Service'.

In 1946, Gordon returned to N. Augusta, SC, with \$5K in savings and started Augusta Concrete Block Company. For the next 65 years Augusta Concrete Block has continued as one of the most successful block manufacturers in the southeast. It is now run by his son, Jim Farmer.

Throughout his years in business, he led and supported many civic organizations and charitable causes. Among them: President, Augusta Junior Chamber of Commerce; President, North Augusta Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Aiken County Historical Commission; Chairman, Building Committee for Augusta Museum and co-founder of the Aiken County Manufacturers Council . Gordon was honored in 2007 as the North Augusta Citizen of the year.

For 63 years he and his wife have been active members and leaders of Grace United Methodist Church. Gordon served as Chairman of the Official Board, Church Treasurer, member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Stillwell Class for 50 years. He also served on 6 church building committees. He was a faithful servant and loved the church, which he supported all his life.

Gordon was also known as a prolific collector. His vast collections include clocks, antiques, mechanical items, coins and antique cars. In June 2010, he was featured on the "American Pickers" television show. The show, one of the History Channel's most popular episodes, was entitled "Gordon's Gold Mine."

Gordon and his wife, Martha Claire, travelled extensively all over the world, sharing a passion of collecting, and a love of history. He was a Christian, a loving family man, an entrepreneur, historian, avid collector, and a member of the "Greatest Generation."

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Clara Farmer, two brothers, Pierce Farmer and George Farmer; two sisters, Louise Clements and Virginia Eubanks.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Martha Claire Holladay Farmer, North Augusta, SC; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Laura Farmer, Augusta, GA; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Gary Bernson, Atlanta, GA and Melissa and Paul Zimmerman, Augusta, GA; a sister, Betty Painter, Atlanta, GA; seven grandchildren, Matthew Bernson, Myers Zimmerman, Mary Claire Zimmerman, Hannah Farmer, James Gordon Farmer, III "Trey", Spencer Farmer and Gabriella Farmer.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Stillwell Sunday School Class, employees of Augusta Concrete Block, Dr. and Mrs. W.G. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Holladay. Active Pallbearers will be Dr. Billy Thurmond, Col. John T. Mason, George D. Farmer, Conrad Quiller, Jack Goldenberg, Dick Rosenliebe, Bob Sweeney, Jim Travis and Donald Patterson.

The family will receive friends at the residence, 804 Dunbarton Drive, North Augusta, SC this Monday evening from 4 until 7.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church Building Fund, 639 Georgia Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841 or to the Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Avenue , Columbia, SC, 29205.

His family appreciates the loving attention and care he received from his caregivers.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Westover Memorial Park

2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Farmer Residence
804 Dunbarton Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841

Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Sal Carano lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



Sal Carano - October 02, 2013 at 06:49 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



October 23, 2012 at 03:28 PM

BB

“ *Martha & Family: Please accept my condolences for your loss. I've known Gordon for at least 40 years and, as a fellow collector (of antique bottles and pottery) enjoyed seeing his immense collection of local memorabilia more than once. His enthusiasm and knowledge about things that many people thought mundane were always refreshing. I will miss him. Bill Baab, Augusta*

Bill Baab - October 23, 2012 at 09:45 AM

PL

“ *PAUL LAVENE lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



PAUL LAVENE - October 23, 2012 at 09:30 AM

PL

*Jim, I just received word about your Dad's passing. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bring peace and comfort to your family as you morn your loss.
Paul & Jeniene LaVene*

PAUL LAVENE - October 23, 2012 at 09:38 AM

LS

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences upon the passing of Mr. Farmer. I have very fond memories of your entire family from the time when I was growing up in North Augusta and babysitting for your children. May God give you peace and comfort as you reflect upon a life well lived. God bless you all. ~ Lynne Morris Sturtz*

Lynne Morris Sturtz - October 22, 2012 at 01:40 PM

LS

“ *Lynne Morris Sturtz lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



Lynne Morris Sturtz - October 22, 2012 at 01:37 PM

CC

“ *Though I've only heard amazing stories about J.Gordon Farmer from his beloved daughter Rebecca, I can safely say he's a remarkable person and have touched many hearts during his long exciting life. I offer my sincere condolences to the family, as well as my prayers for their healing.*



*Warmest Regards,
Charla Crater - WorldPay US, Inc.*

Charla Crater - October 22, 2012 at 11:16 AM

CZ

“ *Mrs. William Wallace Zealy Jr.*

Claire Childre Zealy - October 22, 2012 at 10:29 AM

SW

“ *Sally Strayhorn Wertz lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



Sally Strayhorn Wertz - October 22, 2012 at 08:46 AM

FB

“ *Mr. Fred B. Bell*

Fred B Bell - October 22, 2012 at 08:32 AM

MS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the J. Gordon Farmer Family at this time. We truly know that God is a sustainer. Mr. Farmer was very instrumental in our lives. Both of our parents, Fred and Ida Bell, were employed by him for many years. Mr. Farmer spoke at our parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration. That was one of the highlights of their "Special Day". We pray for peace and understanding for the family. Continue to trust Him.*

Sincerely,

The Children of Mr. Fred and The Late Mrs. Ida Bell

Mrs. Mary Bell Stephens - October 22, 2012 at 08:24 AM



“ *True Southern Gentleman, you will be missed- Larry Hammett*



Larry Hammett - October 22, 2012 at 07:41 AM

LW

“ *Laura Holladay Woodruff lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer*



Laura Holladay Woodruff - October 22, 2012 at 07:08 AM

LW

Uncle Gordon, you were such a unique gentleman and had an extraordinary life. The world will be slightly dimmer without you, but we will all meet again soon in glory!

Laura Holladay Woodruff - October 22, 2012 at 07:40 AM

MT

“ We have lost a gentleman who was the epitome of a true Southerner. He was generous with his laughter, his wonderful stories, his community, Georgia Tech and most importantly with his family and church. Everyone who knew him will miss him. Heaven is brighter today. To the Farmers, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Claire and Tom Willis

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. (Claire and Tom) - October 21, 2012 at 08:04 PM

NH

“ We are so happy to be able to share the time with "Uncle Son" Our deepest sympathies to all of his family. Our love, Bruce and Nancy Hildebrand



Nancy Hildebrand - October 21, 2012 at 06:06 PM

BG

“ Bob And Cynthia Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Gordon Farmer



Bob and Cynthia Gordon - October 20, 2012 at 10:57 AM

BG

Our hearts are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Gordon, who was a true "Southern Gentleman". He was a servant to his God, country and fellow man. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family today.

Bob and Cynthia Gordon - October 20, 2012 at 11:08 AM

BM

Please accept our deepest sympathies in the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. May fond memories gently replace your sadness.

Bernie and Karen McGarrigle

Bernard M. McGarrigle - October 21, 2012 at 12:59 PM

MF

Please accept our condolences. We have very fond memories of Gordon.

Marion and Barbara Funderburk

Marion Funderurk - October 22, 2012 at 02:36 PM