



Leonard Beasley Steed Jr.

September 28, 1927 - December 22, 2023

Jackson, SC – Graveside Services are for Leonard Beasley Steed, Jr., 96, who entered into rest December 22, 2023, following an extended illness with Parkinson’s disease, and Margaret Jansen Steed, 96, who entered into rest May 15, 2025, will be conducted Wednesday morning, May 28, 2025, at 11 o'clock in Jackson Memorial Park. Dr. Mark Riser and Rev. Kevin Liles officiating.

Mr. Steed was born September 28, 1927, in Appling, GA to the late Leonard Beasley Steed and Fannie Lou Dunn Steed. Following the death of his mother at three years of age, “Junior”, as he was known by his family and friends, was raised by his beloved grandparents, James Leonard and Lillie Mae Beasley Steed. Mr. Steed graduated from Ellenton High School in 1945, the same year obtaining his pilot’s license, and graduated from Paris Island Marine Corps Depot. Mr. Steed served his country active duty WWII in the Sixth Marine Corps Division in Tsingtao, China. He served both active duty and reserves from 1945-1957, obtaining the rank of Staff Sargent. After his service to his country, Mr. Steed worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Savannah River Site and for civilian contractors as well. In 1950 he married Margaret Louise Jansen. Mr. Steed built the Jackson Drag Strip, operating the facility from 1957 until 1983. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, camping and aviation. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents; son; Leonard Mark Steed; granddaughter, Laurie Ann; brothers,

LTC Emil Edwin Steed and Rev. James Chance Steed.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Margaret J. Steed; son, Kim Jansen Steed; great-grandchildren, Thomas Proctor and Brooklyn Proctor; sister, Betty Lou Steed McGahee; brothers, Ronald Martin Steed, Stephen Keith Steed and Gregory Sidney Steed.

Tribute Wall

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“ Greg, Sorry to hear about Junior he was a good man. Our prayers are with his wife and family.

Brian Tripp - January 02, 2024 at 04:03 PM

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“ Mrs. Margaret and family, I am saddened to learn of the passing of my lifelong friend, Junior. He was always a friend to me and was always fun to talk with and learn from. God bless you. You and your family are in my prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Don Alexander - December 30, 2023 at 11:52 AM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Steed's service to our nation in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. It is men like Mr. Steed that served to safeguard our freedom. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - December 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM

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“ Mrs. Margaret and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember him quite well and know that the family will miss him. May God give each of you the peace, comfort and strength that you need during this time in your lives and the life ahead.

Erma Ellis - December 29, 2023 at 06:20 PM

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“ Cousin Junior was quit a character in a great way. He was accomplished and will be missed.

Karleen Nichols - December 28, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ *Glenn Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Beasley Steed Jr.*



Glenn Gustafson - December 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Mrs Margaret, Kim, Ronnie, Greg, Steven family and friends. Thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you mourn the passing of your loved one. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you today and in the days ahead.*

Karen Copeland Muns - December 28, 2023 at 04:34 PM



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Posey Posey - December 28, 2023 at 03:19 PM



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Posey Posey - December 28, 2023 at 03:18 PM