



William Earl Blakely

May 21, 1921 - May 15, 2008

Augusta, GA—Funeral Services for Mr. William Earl Blakely, 86, of Augusta, GA who entered into rest May 15, 2008 will be conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. Rev. Sherrell Dunn officiating. Interment in Southlawn Cemetery with Veterans Honors and Masonic Rites.

Mr. Blakely was a native of Fairfax, AL having made Augusta his home for the past 58 years. He was a graduate of Auburn University with a B.A. in English and Literature, Florida State University with an E.E.D., and the University of Alabama with a Master's in Education. Mr. Blakely was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II where he proudly served with the Seabees. He enjoyed theater and participated in the theater club at Auburn and was a member of the Augusta Players for several years. Mr. Blakely enjoyed musicals, plays, Atlanta Braves Baseball, Auburn Tigers Football, NASCAR Racing and spending time with his nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Acacia Masonic Lodge #315 AFM and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Augusta, where he achieved the 33rd degree. Mr. Blakely was a retired school teacher with the Richmond County Board of Education and was a member of Curtis Baptist Church. Upon his retirement he traveled extensively, visiting many countries throughout the world. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Jessie Blakely.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Jesse E. and Hazel S. Blakely,

Jackson; three nieces their spouses, Sherry and Don Hicks, North Augusta, Debra and Steve Floyd, Jackson and Donnis and Joe Gavalas, Marietta, GA; a nephew and his wife, Timothy and Marivann Blakely, Montgomery, AL; several great nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Acacia Masonic Lodge #315 AFM and members of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Augusta.

Active Pallbearers will be Victor Gavalas, Michael Gavalas, Nicholas Gavalas, Blake Stewart, Blair Floyd and Craig Blakely.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this Sunday evening from 4 to 6.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Home Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *William Earl Blakely*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *William Earl Blakely*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Uncle Earl.*

Life will never be the same without you. The pain is so very difficult to handle. Not being able to talk to you or hug you or....just to see you. Rest now my sweet Uncle....until we meet again.

I will love you with all my heart.

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May 21, 2008 at 10:23 AM



“ *I love you Uncle Earl and will miss you for the rest of my life.##imported-begin##Michael Gavalas##imported-end##*

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“ *Brother Earl was one of the best friends that a person could ever have. All you had to do was ask and he was there. I will miss him a lot. Over 40 years him and I have talked about many things. But all of us that knew him knows where he is at. The Lord needs good men like Earl. Our love and prayers go to all of the family members.*

Ray - Howell and Family##imported-begin##*Mr. Raymond J Howell*##imported-end##

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“ *God blessed us all with you in our lives. You touched us with your kindness and love. I will always remember growing up and getting excited in knowing Uncle Earl was coming to visit. Waiting for you by the window...waiting for your car to pull up. You truly had so much love to give us...thank you. We shared our birthdays together...something I will treasure for the rest of my life. You on the 21st, me on the 20th...and now, my daughter to be...probably on the 19th of May. I promise you this Uncle Earl, my daughter will come to know you and the way you impacted my life and my brothers and all our family. You were our treasure and will be painfully missed til we meet again.*##imported-begin##*Nicholas Gavalas*##imported-end##

May 18, 2008 at 04:07 PM



“ Uncle Earl, my heart is broken. I love you and will always treasure the many memories we've shared. You were one of the kindest most gentle people I have ever known and I will miss you as will our entire family. May God rest your soul in the arms of Jesus. You will always be in my heart for as long as I live. Thank you for lifting me up when I was so down. Thank you for sharing your life with us. I will love you always.

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“ Earl will be missed by his many friends in the Masonic fraternity.##imported-begin##Dan M. McAlhany##imported-end##

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