



Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger

December 23, 1919 - August 15, 2011

Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away at his residence on Monday, August 15, 2011. He was 91.

A lifelong resident of Bowdon, he was the son of the late James and Lou Ballenger. His brothers Weems, Bernard, Harold and Horry, and twin sister, Francis Thompson, preceded him in death.

PFC Ballenger served in the US Army from August 1942 until his honorable discharge in November 1945. His WWII tours of duty included numerous battles throughout Italy and France. He remained a POW for almost a year after having been captured by German forces in northern France. Mr. Ballenger, a highly decorated veteran, was awarded numerous medals for his service in defending our country. He received the Bronze Star, POW medal, Good Conduct medal, American Campaign medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal, WWII Victory medal, Combat Infantryman badge, and Expert Infantryman badge. He was, as one fellow soldier put it, "a hero when our nation called for heroism."

Upon his discharge from the US Army, Mr. Ballenger returned home and later began working at the Sewell Manufacturing Company in Bowdon, where he eventually retired. He was also a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife and companion, Mary Helen Muse Ballenger of Bowdon, a son, Robert (Nan) Ballenger of Bowdon, GA, a daughter, Linda (Danny) Gibbs of Ranburne, AL, five grandchildren: Bob (Teresa) Ballenger, Beth (Sammy) Jackson, Amanda (Lee) Smith, Dan (Angie) Gibbs, and Heather (Charles) Williams, ten great grandchildren: Ashleigh Smith, Blake Smith, Daniel Gibbs, Gracie Gibbs, Jessi Gibbs, Charlie Williams, Bo Williams, Maddox Williams, Lee Jackson, and Ben Jackson, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 am on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at Shiloh United Methodist Church under the arbor with the Reverend Wayne Monroe officiating. Interment, with full military honors, will follow in the Community Memory Garden. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 17th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and again from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Rainwater Funeral Home (317 N. Carroll St., Bowdon, GA.)

Cemetery Details

Community Gardens Cemetery

105 Memorial Drive
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
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Service

AUG **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Methodist Church
1874 Burwell Rd
Carrollton, GA 30117

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Not a day goes by that I don't think about my Papa, I truly miss and love him more and more each day. He was always a sweet, gentle man. I never once saw him angry. Family was always very important to him, and we all adored him.

Ashleigh Cason Green - September 09, 2013 at 02:19 PM

KH

“ Kenneth (Buddy) Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger



Kenneth (Buddy) Hatfield - August 19, 2011 at 05:53 AM

KH

My heart goes out to all my family in our time of loss.

Kenneth (Buddy) Hatfield - August 19, 2011 at 05:56 AM

JN

“ On Behalf of the Family the Crew at Jack's of Bowdon offer their condolences. It was a pleasure to serve Mr. Ballenger & his wife on his daily visits. Mr. Ballenger showed a positive example about life and friends that was very good for younger workers to pattern their lives by. He will be soely missed .



June Nicholson - August 18, 2011 at 06:40 PM

JG

“ Jimmy & Sara George lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger



Jimmy & Sara George - August 18, 2011 at 01:51 PM

EC

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF A DEAR FRIEND LOVED BY OUR PARENTS, OHMER AND GLADYS HIGHTOWER.

ELAINE HIGHTOWER CHAMBERS ROME, GEORGIA
KENNETH HIGHTOWER HEFLIN, ALABAMA

Elaine Hightower Chambers - August 17, 2011 at 09:57 PM

GM

“ Gordon/Mary McLeroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger



Gordon/Mary McLeroy - August 17, 2011 at 09:59 AM

RS

“ Rebecca L Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Kuglar Ballenger



Rebecca L Smith - August 17, 2011 at 09:10 AM

BS

“ i just loved it when Mr. Belenger & Mrs MARY would come in to CFA to eat i always try to come out from the back to see them give them a hug and tell them that i loved them i always when up to Mr. Belenger and said hay goodlooking how are you? thay are suce sweet people you just cant help but to love them both the family has thoughts and prays with them

becky elaine smith - August 16, 2011 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ Mr. Balenger was a true American hero and will be remembered for his love and dedication to this country. Let us never forget this man of honor. May he receive the ultimate crown as he rests in peace with our Lord. My love to all of his wonderful family! Judy Mobley Hand

Judy Hand - August 16, 2011 at 05:37 PM