



Mr. Jay Baggett

October 27, 1927 - December 18, 2017

Mr. W. Jay Baggett, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away on December 18, 2017. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Baggett was a native of Ranburne, in Cleburne County, Alabama. He was a graduate of Jacksonville State University, Auburn University, and the University of Georgia. He retired from the Fulton County School System after 36 years of service in education in the States of Georgia and Alabama. He worked as a teacher, a guidance counselor, and the Director of Testing and Psychological Services for the Fulton County School System.

Jay and Betty, the love of his life for 62 years, are longtime members of the Newnan First United Methodist Church, where they both enjoyed singing in the choir. Jay especially loved music and played piano in his unique boogie woogie style right up until his final days. Family gatherings were also his passion. Always focused on the well-being of others, he summed up his life philosophy with a simple phrase: "An act of kindness... however small ... will long be remembered."

W. Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Newton and Mary Jane Walker Baggett; and his siblings and their spouses, Aubrey and Verta Baggett Johnson, Gue Baggett, Ralph and Mamie Baggett Brown, Lewis Henry Baggett, John and Adell Baggett Smith, Ray and Hazel Baggett Wiggins, T.J.

and Louise Baggett Preston, and Alvin and Elizabeth Lister Baggett.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Stephens Baggett of Newnan; his children and their spouses, Jan and Robert Barnes of Ocean Springs, MS, Stephen and Rhonda Jones Baggett of Fayetteville, GA, and Lisa and Marc Wolpert of San Francisco, CA; his grandchildren, Stephen Kyle Baggett and his wife, Janine, Jamie Alexander Baggett, Jake Logan Challingsworth, Zackary Shay Whitetree, Chase Ryan Whitetree, Scott Wolpert, Ryan Wolpert, and Ross Wolpert; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Ranburne United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. CST. Reverend JoAn Kinrade of Newnan First United Methodist Church will officiate. Music will be performed by Denise Braggs and members of the Ranburne First United Methodist Church Choir, and David Kinrade of Newnan First United Methodist Church. Following the services, Mr. Baggett's ashes will be interred in Ranburne Cemetery.

Those wishing to do so may make contributions in Mr. Baggett's memory to Ranburne First United Methodist Church (P.O. Box 105, Ranburne, AL 36273).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ranburne First United Methodist Church
21041 Main Street
Ranburne, AL 36273

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Betty and family,
I was saddened today to hear of Jay's passing but what a wonderful life he lived surrounded by those he loved . My fondest memory of Jay will be that deep, sexy voice answering the phone. He would make you feel as if your call was the most important thing to happen all day . Also , his many random acts of kindness were an indicator of the type of person he truly was. One that stands out to me is teaching a mutual friend to read and never saying a word about it.
With love ,
Sara Caldwell

sara caldwell - December 20, 2017 at 11:40 AM

PP

“ Aunt Betty and Jay were my models for love. Their wedding was Prince Charming marrying his Princess. Jay was a role model as a husband and father and was beloved by all the Stephens cousins. He was mightily loved and will be mightily missed! Oh, don't forget the fun and laughter and family closeness through the years! Love to all, especially Aunt Betty as you remember your beloved Jay!



Patricia Proctor - December 19, 2017 at 05:20 PM

DN

“ Dearest Betty... You already know this, but Jay was one of my most favorite people in the whole wide world! His smile, humor and grace would light up a room as he entered! He is now in the arms of his Jesus, grinning that special way, feeling no pain and remembering everything and especially you, the light of his life! Perhaps he and Joe have found each other! What a nice thought!

Wish I could be at the funeral for you but know that I will be here for you when the time comes that you need someone who understands! God bless you as you go through these next days and weeks. I know that He will be right with you giving you the strength, courage and wisdom to make any necessary decisions! I love you, Dee



Dee Nixon - December 19, 2017 at 05:01 PM

GR

“ Betty so sorry to hear of Jays death. Please know that you and your family will continue to be in our prayers. We love you and pray that you will find peace knowing that Jay is no longer in darkness but walking with God.

Love
Ray and Gerrie

Gerrie and Ray - December 19, 2017 at 02:16 PM

BH

“ So very sorry for your families loss. Our family, LHS, feels the loss as well. Jay was my counselor and helped get me and others through those hectic high school days. Won't be able to attend the service, but know that my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

Bob Hammond, LHS '66

Bob Hammond - December 19, 2017 at 02:12 PM