



Mr. Maelon Freeman

February 7, 1924 - April 28, 2019

Mr. Maelon Freeman, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on April 28, 2019. He was 95.

Maelon was born on February 7, 1924 in Mt. Zion, Georgia to the late Dave and Claudia Moon Freeman and from the beginning, his life journey was not an easy one. When Maelon was 13 months old, his father died leaving his mother to raise a baby and four sons by herself on one of her dad's farms. As Maelon grew up, he worked in the fields with his brothers from sun up till sundown to have food to eat and barter for other household items when the rolling truck came by. At Christmas, he said he was lucky to get a piece of candy. But like all kids back then, Maelon and his friends were very creative and found ways to have fun. They took the seat off a buggy and Maelon said that he placed a foot on either side of the axle and grabbed hold of the rope that they tied to the axle to guide it. Off he flew down the hill into the valley. At the bottom, he pulled the rope that caused the buggy to slide around backward. With no brakes, the buggy stopped when it decided to. Also, Maelon and his friends would go to the edge of a creek bank and shoot a gun into the water and wait for the fish to float to the top.

In the early to mid 1900's, Maelon related that Bowdon was a popular place to shop and gather. He could hardly walk through town because of the crowd of people. Merchants sponsored fun activities. The flag pole next to the Commercial Bank on the corner was greased. A \$20 bill was placed on top of the pole. Whoever could get to the top could have the money. The only way they found to get the money was to stand on a strong man's shoulder. Then they'd try to catch a greased pig or a turkey that was let loose in town hoping to claim another prize.

Maelon was a veteran of the U.S. Army and, after returning from serving in World War II, he married Montez Williamson in September of 1943. He was a good provider and could fix just about anything, especially cars or sewing machines. While working at Warren Sewell Manufacturing as a mechanic, Lamar Plunkett told Maelon that he was interested in him setting up a plant and Maelon agreed to help. Maelon, Tom Durham, and James Jackson put in the machines that eventually employed 100 people. Before Maelon retired,

he taught young men to become mechanics and invented an improved pocket machine. For a number of years, he also served on Bowdon's Volunteer Fire Department. Maelon's hobbies included having a vegetable garden, growing flowers, mowing grass, and watching NASCAR, the Braves Baseball Team, and Georgia Football. But out of all his accomplishments and hobbies, his family is what mattered the most to him. The example that he set of working hard, having integrity, believing in yourself, being a risk taker, living a clean life, being disciplined, and being a good steward will forever be in our hearts and minds

In addition to his parents, Maelon was preceded in death by his wife, Montez Freeman; and his brothers, Hugh, Roy, Lanford, and Boyd Freeman.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Dorsey and Carrie (Tena) Dixon Freeman and Danny and Suzanne Maddox Freeman; his grandchildren and their spouses, Amanda and Michael Chase, Ed and Carolyn Freeman, and Dave and Jennifer Freeman; and his great grandchildren, Melanie Chase, Joe Chase, Tim Chase, Daniel Chase, Samuel Freeman, Eliza Freeman, and Lilly Freeman.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Bro. Dewayne Noles will officiate. Interment will follow in Cleburne Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Cleburne Memory Gardens

Ranburne, AL 36273

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
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Funeral Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My wife and I built a house on First Street in May of 1996 and Mr. Freeman was one of the first people to welcome us to the neighborhood. We could not have asked for a better person to be a neighbor. Between Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hugh Ayers and Mrs. Ruth Ayers, we were always in good hands. He was a wonderful man and he took great pride in keeping his yard clean and his grass cut. I would tell my wife and son that when ever I was in need of a new lawn move, weed eater, or leaf blower I was going to get what ever brand Mr. Freeman had because he used them daily and they had to be a great product. I was in law enforcement for many years and Mr. Freeman knew that I worked a lot of nights. He would ride his golf cart by our house and check on LaQuinta and Hunter. He would also bring me tomatoes and he would just hang them on the door knob so he would not wake me up. Mr. Freeman will be greatly missed on First Street. I am honored and blessed to have been able to know him.

Russell Grizzard

Russell Grizzard - May 03, 2019 at 08:25 AM

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“ *Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maelon Freeman*



Patty Akin - May 02, 2019 at 06:45 PM

JM

“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maelon Freeman*



Janie Meadows - May 01, 2019 at 06:58 PM

GM

“ *Even though I never met Mr. Freeman, I will remember Danny posting pictures of him & the trips to get food & watching racing on TV...may he RIP in his Heavenly Home.*



Greg Moss - May 01, 2019 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Danny, Suzanne and Family, Holding all of you close to my heart during this time. After reading your Pops obituary I went back and read it again because it gave me some insight to his life. The person I was reading about made me smile and could just picture a lot of what his life was about. I always thought of him with much respect and admiration and I know you loved him so dearly. I know you will miss him everyday that goes by, but he knew you were there for him. So glad you were blessed to have a wonderful Pops. Luv, prayers and hugs.*
Norma Norton



Norma Norton - April 30, 2019 at 01:42 PM