



## Mr. W.J. Snow

August 10, 1928 - May 27, 2012

Mr. Walter Jasper "W.J." Snow, a resident of Ava Hills Assisted Living in Wedowee, Alabama and formerly of Bowdon, passed away on May 27, 2012. He was 83.

Mr. Snow was born on August 10, 1928 to the late Ulyss and Lilla Bonner Snow. He was a graduate of Bowdon High School and West Georgia College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in Germany in the early 1950's and attained the rank of Corporal. Upon his return home, he worked for General Shoe Company and Godwin Funeral Home until he began his banking career at the Commercial Bank in Bowdon. From there, his career spanned 36 years, most of which was spent at the Ranburne Branch of the Bank of Heflin. He retired from Carrolton Federal Savings and Loans where he worked as a loan officer. Mr. Snow also owned a farm and enjoyed raising cattle.

Mr. Snow was always active in the community and was a charter member of the Bowdon Lions Club and the Jaycees. He was a 50 year member of Bowdon Lodge No. 206 F&AM where he was a 32nd degree Mason. He was president of the Bowdon PTA and Bowdon Little League. He was also a member of Bowdon Baptist Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Snow was also a talented musician and would host annual country music concerts at his farm in Bowdon. He played with many bands including The Gospel Impressions, The Blue Bonnet Boys, The Crazy Country Band, and West Georgia Country. He wrote several songs including "The Heard County Song" which was played on local radio to protest the proposed building of a hazardous waste dump in Heard County. His singing took him to Hiawassee, Georgia where he would sing at amateur nights at the local theater and also to Nashville where he sang on the General Lee Showboat and also the Opry House Hotel. And in 1993, he performed as Burl Sanders in the Carroll Community Theater production of "Smoke on the Mountain."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nell Otwell Snow; his grandson, Will Wright, Jr.; and his sister, Frances Holland.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Wayne Wright of Tallahassee, FL, and his son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Pam Snow of Woodland, AL.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Bowdon City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 29th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 30th from noon until the funeral hour.

Flowers will gladly be accepted, but those wishing to do so may make contribution to the Community Foundation of North Florida, Will Wright, Jr. Memorial Fund, 1621 Metropolitan Blvd. Suite A, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

# Cemetery Details

## Bowdon City Cemetery

Johnson Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
[info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAY 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GK

“ *Ginger Kimbrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.J. Snow*



Ginger Kimbrell - May 30, 2012 at 09:40 AM

GK

*My thoughts & prayers are with Barry & all of W.J.'s family. I will always cherish the precious memories that I have of W.J. I will never forget the day he hired me at Ranburne Branch Bank of Heflin over 27 years ago. I feel honored to have worked with him & it was a privilege to sing with W.J. & friends. I am very thankful that I was able to visit with him a few times several years ago & reminisce about the good "ole" days of banking & singing. May God Bless you all & comfort you during this difficult time.... gk*

Ginger Kimbrell - May 30, 2012 at 10:06 AM

KW

*Thank you Ginger for sharing your memories of our Dad. Kathy & Barry*

Kathy S. Wright - June 04, 2012 at 03:33 PM

TA

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.J. Snow*



The Snow Family in Oxford, Alabama - May 30, 2012 at 01:49 AM

BA

“ *Betsy Styles Ayers lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.J. Snow*



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**Betsy Styles Ayers** - May 29, 2012 at 03:59 PM

BA

*I have such fond memories of W.J. As a child, I attended several "singings" with my parents at friends' homes in the Burwell community. He had such a fun and wonderful spirit. I often reflect on those fun times watching him play and sing with an electric energy. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Betsy Styles Ayers** - May 29, 2012 at 04:09 PM

KW

*Thank you Betsy for the memories you shared about our Dad. Kathy & Barry*

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**Kathy S. Wright** - June 04, 2012 at 03:20 PM

JM

“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.J. Snow*



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**Janie Meadows** - May 29, 2012 at 06:49 AM

AI

“ *Anita Barrett Igou lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. W.J. Snow*



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**Anita Barrett Igou** - May 28, 2012 at 03:01 PM