



James Edward Armstrong, Sr.

April 30, 1921 - July 13, 2018

James Edward Armstrong, Sr., age 97, passed away on July 13, 2018 in Marietta, Georgia. He was admired by all who knew him and cherished by his family. Jim, as he was known by many, was born in Nelson, Georgia to the late Luther and Myrtle (Gaddis) Armstrong. He was a standout basketball player in high school and was named to the Georgia high school all-stars. He attended Piedmont College on an athletic scholarship and was later inducted into the Piedmont College Athletic Hall of Fame. He was trained as a pilot in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

After being discharged from the Army, Jim moved to Atlanta and began a thirty-plus year career working for AT&T and its subsidiaries, the majority of which was spent in marketing, primarily with government and airline accounts. In 1950, Jim married Marilyn Cagle of Atlanta and they lived in Decatur where they raised their family. He coached little league and taught Sunday School at Gresham Park Baptist Church.

Jim retired from AT&T in 1980 and soon afterwards he and Marilyn moved into a new home in Rockdale County. They were members of Glenwood Hills Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed gardening, playing tennis and volunteering. He and Marilyn loved to dance and frequented the local American Legion and VFW until her passing in 2010. In 2015, Jim and his dog Annabelle moved to Cobb County to be closer to his children and

grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; sisters, Marjorie Bradford Hammet of Atlanta, Louise Clapp of Iowa Park, TX; brothers-in-law, R.A. "Bunk" Bradford, John W. Clapp Jr., Walter I. Biltz, H. Donald Cagle, C. Douglas Cagle and C. Willard Cagle.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Jim Jr. (Carol) and Steve (Sandra); granddaughters, Ashley Thompson (Josh) of Marietta, Catherine Armstrong of Cambridge, MA, Courtney Boren (John) of Smyrna and Jennifer Armstrong of Stamford, CT; great-grand-daughter, Mia Thompson; sister, Henrietta Biltz of Conyers; brother-in-law, Lamar Cagle (Barbara) of McDonough; many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, July 20, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA. A Memorial Service will be held at Sandy Springs Christian Church, 301 Johnson Ferry Road., Sandy Springs, GA on Saturday, July 21, at 2:00 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Nathan Brown presiding. Interment will be at the Georgia National Veterans Cemetery in Canton, GA on Monday, July 23, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family invites contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America <https://alzfdn.org> or the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation <https://www.alzinfo.org>. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandy Springs Christian Church
301 Johnson Ferry Road
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Tribute Wall



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Scot Ward Funeral Services - July 20, 2018 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I worked in Accounting handling billing for large accounts and worked closely with Jim to insure correct billing. We shared a lot of good times together and I was honored to consider him a friend. We had some mutual friends outside of work so we saw each other at other places.. Our prayers are with the family at this time.*

Bob Barfield - July 18, 2018 at 10:15 AM