



Joe Gailey

July 28, 1927 - June 30, 2012

Harris Owen "Joe" Gailey was born in Pineville, Missouri, on July 28, 1927. He was the son of Herbert Gailey and Clarice Gilbert Gailey, both of whom preceded him in death. Joe spent his childhood in the Ozarks of southwest Missouri living with his grandfather on his farm. At age 12, he moved to Cherryvale, Kansas to live with his mother and stepfather on their farm. Joe excelled in basketball and baseball throughout his high school years. He joined the U.S. Navy after graduation and served from 1945 to 1946. He enrolled in junior college at Independence (Kansas) Community College where he met his life-long love, Myrna Lee Hamilton. Joe and Myrna married in December, 1946. In 1965 Joe was employed by Lithonia Lighting Company and moved his family from Independence, Kansas to Conyers, Georgia. Joe's career spanned 35 years during which time he became the Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Fluorescent Division. He was part of a management team that helped Lithonia Lighting become the largest manufacturer of lighting fixtures in the world. Joe was preceded in death by his son, Michael Adair Gailey. He is survived by his loving wife, Myrna L. Gailey; son, Tony Gailey and wife, Barbara; daughter, Kimberly Turk and husband, Scott; three grandchildren, Krissa, Tim and Ryan and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Rev. Curt Zehner officiating; interment will follow at Lawnwood Memorial Gardens, Covington. The family will receive friends Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Those who wish to donate,

the family requests doing so to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38111. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, 30012, 770-483-7216.