



## Stephen Wilson Deal

March 3, 1943 - October 6, 2012

Stephen Wilson Deal, 69 of Conyers, died Saturday, October 6, 2012 from heart failure. Born in Kannapolis, North Carolina to Jay L. Deal and Sarah Ethel Gray. He is survived by daughter, Tyson Deal, Athens; son, Brady Deal, Covington; daughter-in-law, Paula Deal; grandson, Easton Deal; brother, Ralph Deal, Kannapolis, NC; sister-in-law, Linda Deal, Kannapolis, NC; and loving dog, Ellie May Deal. He is preceded in death by wife, Brenda Laughter Deal. Steve felt thankful and lucky to have made his living by doing his passion, photography and photojournalism. His first job as a news photographer was in Kannapolis in 1963. He married his love Brenda Laughter in 1965 and together moved to Athens, GA where Steve started the photo department at the Athens Banner Herald in 1967. In 1971 Steve took a position at the Atlanta Journal and Constitution (AJC) as a staff photographer where he worked until he retired in 1999. His first assignment for the AJC was covering Coretta Scott King, and from there his stories and documentation of southern history are endless. Steve will always be remembered saying "As long as I've got a camera in my hand I can do anything." Memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. prior to service. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 2951 Flowers Rd., Suite 211, Atlanta, GA 30341; [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA 30012; 770-483-7216.