



Maxey Powell

June 13, 1933 - February 3, 2019

Memorial services for Maxey Powell will be held on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville. Mr. Powell passed away peacefully at home on February 3rd, 2019. Byron Maxey Powell was born on June 13, 1933 in Gainesville, Florida. He moved with his family to Thomasville in the 40's where his father built the Thomasville Motor Court, completed in 1945 on VJ Day. The family was active in the Dawson Street Methodist Church. His father donated the stones for the church and later the siblings donated the stones for the adjacent building. He graduated from Thomasville High School in 1952 and has remained active in the Alumni Association and annual class reunions. He attended Florida State University and later joined the Navy where he served from 1956 to 1962 aboard the USS Saratoga. He was a carrier pilot, flying the AD Skyraider, and he cruised the Mediterranean. In 1957 he married Jean Brown. They joined the First Presbyterian Church where he served as an usher. He served as president of Glen Arven Country Club and was on the Board of Directors at Brookwood School as well as being the chairman of the boosters club. He was also the chairman of the Thomas County Republican Party. Maxey began his restaurant career with Colonel Sanders, opening and running several KFC locations, including the one in Thomasville on Smith Avenue. He also opened The Roman Gate, and later the very popular Maxey's Fried Chicken. He has raised chickens and soy beans on his old farm off the Lower Boston Road, has sold insurance for Mutual of Omaha and has continued to run the motor inn. An avid traveler, Maxey has been around the world and visited every continent except Antarctica. He loved fishing, both fresh and salt, and was the captain of many successful scalloping trips. He is survived by his two sons, Ray and David, his longtime friend and fishing partner, Ione West, as well as many other family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Thomasville Oncology Center or the Thomas County Food Bank. Visitors may sign the online guest register at www.allenfh.com.

Events

FEB **Service** 12:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville
225 E. Jackson St., Thomasville, GA, US

Comments



“ I’m very sorry to hear of the passing of Maxey.... I worked for him in the middle 70s at Roman Gate. He was a pleasant and understanding man and I appreciated him very much. The last time I saw him was at Verizon and I once again enjoyed our conversation
My prayers are with you all



Sarah Godwin - February 18, 2019 at 07:55 AM



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Allen & Allen Funeral Home - February 05, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Ray & David,

We always enjoyed your daddy, such a good man. Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you both.

Michelle & Roddy Jones

Michelle & Roddy Jones - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ Thomasville has lost an icon, a creator of jobs, a true successful entrepreneur in the hospitality and food service industry, a military veteran of Naval Aviation, a mentor to many and a friend to all. Maxey had a great smile and never met a stranger. He was a man that did many good deeds for folks of all walks of life and never wanted any recognition for it. Maxey had a lot of pride for his hometown and was very loyal to his many, many friends. He was a founding member and long time treasurer of the Business Action Council and never missed a meeting until his health declined. I will

miss my friend and will miss his wise counsel about all matters large and small. He left his mark and left this earth a better place than he found it. He will be so happy to be able fish all the time and take the yoke and throttles again in the left seat of an airplane as he watches over us from above.

Monty Lewis - February 04, 2019 at 11:04 AM