



Harold Frederick Huggins

January 21, 1929 - March 26, 2015

Hal Huggins, a 28-year resident of Eatonton, GA died peacefully at age 86 in his home surrounded by his family the afternoon of March 26, 2015.

Hal was born in Memphis, TN and raised in the rural town of Abbeville, MS where he graduated from Abbeville High School in 1946. He served in the US Navy Seabees from 1946-1950 and then in the US Army Reserves Corps of Engineers while attending the University of Mississippi where he graduated in 1953 with a dual degree in civil and industrial engineering. He began his successful corporate career with General Electric, moving up the management ranks over 25 years. He applied his business acumen in the Mirro Cookware division of Newell Industries for the next 15 years and then relocated to Eatonton where he converted Enterprise Aluminum to Alonan Manufacturing before finally retiring in 2000.

Hal believed in giving back to his community and his civic involvement included serving on several Chambers of Commerce and Junior Achievement. Since living in Eatonton, he served on numerous committees as a member of the Eatonton First United Methodist Church. Among his proudest accomplishments was his service as the Chairman of the Eatonton Housing Authority for 24 years and on the Putnam General Hospital Foundation overseeing their annual golf tournament fundraiser, which purchased numerous pieces of equipment that helped expand the hospitals' service to

their patients and the community.

Hal was an avid golfer, who actively participated in the men's golf association in almost every club he joined, including the Cuscowilla MGA as one of their original members.

Hal is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maurine Beverly Berryhill Huggins, his daughters Lydia Huggins Ivanditti, Amelia (Steve) Paine, Olivia (Mark) Rabenold, Doria Alecksen and his son, H. Fred Huggins II, eight grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 29 in the Historic Sanctuary of the Eatonton First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Putnam General Hospital Foundation, 101 Lake Oconee Parkway, Eatonton, GA 31024 or online at www.putnamgeneral.com. Please indicate your donation "in memory of Hal Huggins".

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton
306 N. Jefferson Ave.
Eatonton, GA 31024
(706) 485-3303
eatonton@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfheatonton.net>

Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Eatonton
103 Magnolia St.
Eatonton, GA 31024
<http://eatontonfirstumc.com/>

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *It's not often someone enters your life as a friend and leaves such a lasting impression as Hal Huggins.*

He is truly one of the finest gentleman I have ever known and will always be remembered for his warmth, and enthusiasm for everything in life.

I am a better person for having know him.

Rest well my friend,

Mike Heath

Mike Heath - April 07, 2015 at 07:59 AM

DP

“ *I remember that smile! Mr. Huggins and his wonderful wife always have had kind words to say about everything. My heart hurts for the family at this difficult time.*

Donna and Billy Poole

Donna Poole - April 02, 2015 at 07:14 AM

DL

“ *I have many fond memories of Dad#2. One of my favorite times was when Hal rented a big house near Sky Valley and he invited friends and family for dinner and a day of rafting. We had a great day navigating the river and getting over "Bull Run" without killing ourselves (even though several of us were thrown out of the raft)! He was always so much fun and very entertaining during the cocktail hour discussing the news of the day.*

Debra Love - March 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM

SH

“ I am so glad I was able to meet you all. I know Mr. Huggins was a very special man. I was so happy to see his beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family.

Sherri Hussey - March 27, 2015 at 09:34 PM

LH

“ We stand with you in celebration of Mr. Huggins and his life well lived. Lizzy Horton

Lizzy Horton - March 27, 2015 at 07:28 PM