



Mr. Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw

June 16, 1925 - May 16, 2018

Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw

Age: 92

City of Residence: Roswell GA

Date of Death: May 16, 2018

Al started life, like all the Yourshaws in his generation, at the toughest of times. Orphaned at only 10, during the great depression, he was raised by the grace and will of some of his siblings in St. Claire, PA in the coal mining region of that state. From that background, he was one of the few of that generation to earn a college degree. Through hard work and great determination, he earned a degree in Architectural Engineering at Catholic University.

He also served honorably in the US Army during the Korean conflict. Through the GI Bill, he attended the University of Michigan where he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. During this time, he married the love of his life, Shirley Braithwaite, from Frackville PA. Shirley and Al went on to have three children, Bob, Brenda and Bonnie.

Moving to the Washington DC area, Al served in progressively more responsible roles in the US Government (GSA), rising to a GS14, the highest grade before political appointments are made. During his civil service tenure, Al was assigned to the White House, where he met no less than three

presidents. His final government job was at St. Elizabeth's hospital. Al retired from US Government service in 1989.

Far from the end of his career, Al went on to work for many construction companies until the age of 80. The only thing that kept him from working more was a great desire to see his grandchildren, Diana and Alex, grow up, and to spend more time with his daughters, Bonnie and Brenda. This prompted a move from Washington DC to Roswell GA in 2005. Since his move to Roswell, Al, along with Shirley, never missed a chance to see and support their daughters and grandchildren in Alpharetta. His pride, joy, and encouragement were felt by every family member during numerous, birthdays, graduations, and other life events.

Al is survived by his wife, Shirley Yourshaw, his son Bob Yourshaw, his daughters Brenda Yourshaw Ruth and Bonnie Yourshaw Johnson and his grandchildren, Diana Ruth and Alexander Ruth.

A graveside service will be held on Friday May 25th at 2:00pm at National Cemetery in Canton GA.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

5580 Knox Bridge Hwy.,
Canton, GA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I was very saddened to learn from my brother Chris Ruth that Al had passed away. I will always remember him, and how much fun he was, and how funny he was, as he brought many anecdotes, all very whimsical and relevant, to our families. Shirley, Brenda, Bob, Bonnie, and Chris: I send my condolences through the air to you. Now Alexander is now in peace. May God bless you all, and Al, as his journey is now complete. Love, Mary*

Mary - May 30, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw.*



May 23, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw.*



May 23, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Alexander Maximillian Yourshaw.*



May 22, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ *What a beautiful picture of Mr. Yourshaw! I remember being at the dinner when this picture was taken not too long ago. His obituary only states the major highlights of his well-lived life. But there was so much more about Al. His 90th Birthday was so amazing and incredibly fun. I first met Al and Shirley when they came to their daughter's home to get her mail. Of course he thought I was having a garage sale so he gets out of the car only to see me sweeping and organizing. But in that conversation he told me all about his daughter who only lived three houses from me. He was so proud of all her accomplishments at AG! She was always traveling, but I finally met her. And soon I was included in Yourshaw family events. Shirley, you were by his side for 63 years+ and oh how he loved you! And now you are to carry on with your family and friends as he would want you to do. May you be blessed and thankful for his incredible life journey with you.
Love 💕 and hugs, Chris*

chris norwood - May 19, 2018 at 09:22 AM



*May your many beautiful memories comfort you as you remember your life with Al. You have our deepest sympathy and are in our prayers.
The Peteritas Family*

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Northside Chapel - May 19, 2018 at 08:48 AM



Bonnie, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Joyann

Joyann Dwire - May 20, 2018 at 05:01 PM