



Col. Clarence Henry Shirley

November 21, 1915 - December 11, 2009

SHIRLEY – Colonel Clarence Henry Shirley, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather...gone to glory on December 11, 2009. He was born November 21, 1915 to Homer and Etna Shirley in Vicksburg, MS. He grew up near Alpharetta, GA in the Ocee Community, working on the family farm and graduated from Milton High School in 1933. Clarence attended the University of Georgia and joined the Army Air Corps, serving in World War II as a Bombadier on the B-24 Liberator, earning several medals for valor, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, he went back to school obtaining a law degree and rejoined the Air Force as an attorney in the Judge Advocate Division. He retired from the Air Force in 1966 and moved his family back to Alpharetta, where he continued to practice law for several more years. He is survived by his second wife of 34 years, Ellen Elizabeth Brown Shirley; his children, Gary Shirley, Janis Gunter, and Joyce Caldwell; his daughter-in-law, Suzanne Shirley; his step-daughters, Jane Andrews and Tricia Prince; numerous grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Riley and Luke, his sister, Hattie Louise, his first wife and mother of his children, Betty Jane Smith Shirley, his son, James Riley Shirley, and his grandson, John Andrew Shirley. He lived a long, full life of 94 years for which his family is truly grateful. He was comforted in dying by the assurance of being a Christian and knowing that he was going to be with his Lord and King. Psalm 103 was a passage that was read to him often in his final days, and those verses gave him great assurance

and peace. We love him very much and he will be dearly missed! The funeral service will be on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow with full military honors at Green Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075. Call 770/645-1414 for more information.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Roswell, GA

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DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Col. Clarence Henry Shirley*

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“ *Gary, Janis, Joyce and the entire Shirley family,
Clarence lived a most "wonderful life" on earth. What a awesome
example of a Dad, Grandpa, husband and gentleman he was and
will always be. I know this legacy will continue through the
generations in the Shirley family. May God comfort you through this
time and beyond. I pray that your eyes continually focus on the
heavenly reunion Clarence is having with Jim and all those that
went before him - that is his present reality - a truly Wonderful Life.*

Love and prayers,

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