



Jesse Neal Reece

February 24, 1935 - September 3, 2012

Jesse Neal Reece, 77, of Canton, died September 3, 2012. He was born February 24, 1935, son of the late Harold Columbus Reece and Alma Cloud Reece. He was in the 1952 graduating class of Canton High School and later completed the Georgia Banking School of the Georgia Bankers Association and the University of Georgia. He also completed the Georgia Bankers Association Commercial Lending School of the University of Georgia, and was a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University 1987.

During this time, he was employed as a Banking Officer and Vice President of Etowah Bank in Canton for 26 years, during which time it merged with Regions Bank. Shortly afterward, he retired from Regions Bank and was employed as Vice President and Branch Manager of Crescent Bank. In 2006, he retired from Crescent Bank and devoted much of his retirement years farming on his Ellijay, Georgia property and visiting his summer cottage in Camden, Maine, also travelling with his wife in the U.S., Europe, and South Pacific. He was a 44-year member of Arbor Hill Baptist Church, where he actively participated in their fund raising for church expansion. Neal was active for many years in the Canton Jaycees, the Cherokee County Game and Fish Club, the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, and was President and Lifetime Member of the Canton Optimist Club.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Jo An Grizzle Reece; two sons, Anthony Neal Reece and partner Philip Sanchez and David Alan Reece and wife Karen; his four grandchildren, Jennifer Reece, Heather New, Heath New, and Joaquin Cantu; and five great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Charles K. Reece and Sue; sisters, Elizabeth McClure and Homer; Shelby Gable and Jim; and Linda Patterson and Kenneth. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Leon Reece, James E. Reece, and Billy R. Reece.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 6 from 4:00-9:00 PM and Friday, September 7 from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM at Darby Funeral Home, Main St., Canton, GA. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 PM at Arbor Hill Baptist Church, 696 Arbor Hill Rd., Canton 30115, with remains in state at 3 PM. Rev. Charles Davis, Rev. Bobby Padgett, and Rev. Vernie Worley officiating. Burial will follow at Cherokee Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Cancer Wellness, Piedmont Healthcare Philanthropy Office, P.O. Box 105452, Atlanta, GA 30348-5452.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Darby Funeral Home
480 Main St.
Canton, GA

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Darby Funeral Home
480 Main St.
Canton, GA

Service

SEP 7. 3:30 PM (ET)

Arbor Hill Baptist Church
Arbor Hill Road
Canton, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Neal Reece*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Our prayers, love and peace to the family. We will be unable to attend the services and we wish you to know that we will be there in spirit. God's blessings on all.##imported-begin##Brenda Jones and Jan Edward Sanchez##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 11:08 PM



“ *JoAnn,
We are thankful to have Neal as part of the Hidden Valley family, and have him as our neighbor. We will miss him.*

*Barbara and Joe##imported-begin##Joe and Barbara
Clare##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ *Neal was a neighbor of ours in Ellijay. He was a very kind man and will be missed. May his soul rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kim and Kelly Baranyai##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 06:14 PM



“ *Native American Prayer*

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not here. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

*When you awaken on the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.*

I am the soft star that shines at night.

*Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not
die.##imported-begin##Malinda Phillips##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 04:30 PM



“ *We will miss our dear cousin who is our Guardian Angel in Heaven
now. I have known Neal for 57 years and will miss him very much
for the rest of my life. I am glad that he is no longer in pain. May
God Bless his family and give them peace in their heart
now.##imported-begin##Jan Mashburn Rusin##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ He will be missed.....*##imported-begin##Tony and Susan Abernathy##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 02:02 PM



“ JoAn, Keeping you and your family in prayers. It was a pleasure working with Neal for many years and getting to know you and your family. Praying that God will bring you comfort during this difficult time.*##imported-begin##Gena Jenkins##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Thank you for all that you shared with the Maynard family. Love to JoAn, Tony and David/*##imported-begin##Steven and Lincoln Maynard##imported-end##*

September 05, 2012 at 10:20 AM



“ may God be with you JoAnn*##imported-begin##pierce and patsy neese##imported-end##*

September 03, 2012 at 07:57 PM