



Melvin B. (Mel) Coalson, Sr.

September 6, 1923 - May 6, 2009

COALSON – Melvin B. Coalson, Sr., of Alpharetta, GA passed away at home on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Mr. Coalson was employed by the Norfolk Southern Corporation and one of its predecessor companies, the Southern Railway System for 46 years. He worked in Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, and Jacksonville prior to returning to Atlanta as the Atlanta District Sales Manager. He advanced to Southeastern Regional Sales Manager in 1979, retiring in 1987 after 46 years of service. Mr. Coalson was a graduate of Milton High School in Alpharetta, and the Draughan School of Commerce in Atlanta. He earned his LLB Degree from the Atlanta Law School. He served honorably in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Active in civic and church life in Alpharetta, Mr. Coalson served on the Alpharetta City Council for three terms in the 1950's and early 1960's. During his last term (1964-65) as Chairman of the Street Department, he laid the ground work and arranged with Fulton County and the State Highway Department to widen Highway 19 through Alpharetta to four lanes with sidewalks. He was a Founder, Charter and Life member of American Legion Post 201, where he served as Post Commander and remained active for 62 years. He was instrumental in organizing "The Old Soldier's Day Parade" in Alpharetta, serving as the parade's first Chairman. Over the years, he was a member of Alpharetta Baptist Church, Crabapple First Baptist Church, Roswell First Baptist Church, the American Legion, the Alpharetta Lions Club, and the Alpharetta Historical Society. He was also active in real estate with his brother, Emmett Coalson, Jr.

Mr. Coalson is survived by his present wife, Beverly Pittman Coalson; two sons, Melvin B. Coalson, Jr., of Placentia, CA and Martin H. Coalson of Omaha, NE; four grandchildren, Kimberly, Matthew, Jenna and Michael; sister, Alice Coalson Williams of Roswell, GA; brother, Emmett W. Coalson, Jr., of Alpharetta. His former wife, Mary Bell Coalson, preceded him in passing away in 1997. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, managed by the Alpharetta American Legion Auxiliary , 201 Wills Road, Alpharetta, GA, 30004. The Funeral service will be on Friday, May 8, 2009 in the funeral home chapel. Rev. Carl Jameson will officiate. Interment will follow in Alpharetta Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770/645-1414.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

MAY 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin B. (Mel) Coalson, Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *To the Family.....*

I worked for Mr. Coalson in the Sales Dept. in Atlanta during the 70's. I enjoyed working with him and have lots of good memories during that time.

May God totally surround you with HIS comfort during this time of adjustment and living without your dear loved one.##imported-begin##Linda Williams##imported-end##

May 08, 2009 at 08:52 PM



“ *Melissa, many prayers for you and all your family during this difficult time. Losing a loved one is never easy. I know you will truly miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Susan Fisher##imported-end##*

May 08, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ *Mr.Coalson, I remember your smile and how you always brought me up-to-date with your family and the Crabapple community. I will miss you.*

Marty and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you on your loss. Wishing you strength, memories and caring in the days to come.

Sincerely,

*Donna T. Henderson##imported-begin##Donna T
Henderson##imported-end##*

May 08, 2009 at 10:22 AM



“ *Our condolences to the entire family from the Spence family. Melvin was a blessing to all who knew him.##imported-begin##Carolyn
Spence Scott##imported-end##*

May 08, 2009 at 06:45 AM



“ Uncle Melvin,

Downtown Crabapple will never be the same without you. I will miss you answering the phone with your cheerful voice "It's A Beautiful Day In CRABAPPLE"

I have no one left to call me Miss America you always lit up my days! Your warm love and caring as if I was one of your own children. I am so glad that you just lived across the street it will always be home to me! May You Rest In Peace, I am sure you were welcomed with HUGE opened arms when you arrived in Heaven by so many of our family and friends that have gone on before. Your were the best Uncle any niece could ever wish for.

You will always be remembered for your most wonderful outlook on life, and the many life's you touched I will miss you dearly! I love you!##imported-begin##Melissa Coalson-Jensen##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ Our prayers and sympathy are with you at this sad time. May God be with you in the days ahead.

We love you,

Harold And Jennifer##imported-begin##Harold & Jennifer Coalson##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 08:07 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family! I thank Mel for his service and dedication of 62 years to the American Legion family.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Brandon Roberts###imported-begin##Brandon Roberts-Squadron
201##imported-end##*

May 07, 2009 at 04:31 PM



“ *My condolences to all the family. It is an honor to have known and worked with Mel and to continue that honor with Marty.###imported-begin##Jim Bolander##imported-end##*

May 07, 2009 at 10:53 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. I (Jenny) was very blessed to call him my godfather. Our prayers are with the entire family.###imported-begin##Jenny (Wills) and Cliff DeVan##imported-end##*

May 07, 2009 at 10:42 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##John Herrin##imported-end##*

May 07, 2009 at 07:31 AM



“ We are sorry to hear of Melvins death.
Our condolences to Beverly, Bernie, Martin and the family.
Melvin has been a dear friend for many years.##imported-
begin##Howard and Elsie Knight##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 08:24 PM



“ My condolences to all the family.##imported-begin##Kaye Mansell
Talley##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 07:36 PM



“ Melissa, I know your uncle is at peace. My thoughts and prayers are
with you and your family during this time.##imported-
begin##Ceil##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 06:45 PM



“ Thanks for all you did for me and my family, Uncle! I sure will miss
you!##imported-begin##Robert Williams##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 03:15 PM