

Mr. Milton E. Futch

November 18, 1942 - September 7, 2019

Mr. Milton Eugene Futch, age 76, died at Augusta University Health on Saturday, September 7th. Mr. Futch was born in Statesboro, Ga November 18, 1942 to the late Lillian Tankersley and Eugene Futch. He attended Statesboro High School and graduated in 1960. He is also a graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Master of Accounting

From an early age, Mr. Futch enjoyed hunting and fishing the fields and streams offered by Bulloch County. His love of the outdoors led to him being awarded a scholarship from Continental Can Company as he pursued his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry. This pursuit led him to move to Washington, Georgia where he met his future bride, Dianne Russell. She often told how one afternoon, she had gone to visit her great grandmother. As she bounded into the home where Milton boarded, she noticed a young man slightly disheveled, slouched on the sofa in the dark, watching television. At the conclusion of her visit, she encountered this same gentleman sitting erect, clothes smoothed, lights turned on and television off. He promptly introduced himself and asked her to accompany him for a milkshake much to the chagrin of her mother due to him being a perfect stranger. This chance meeting led to their marriage in October of 1964 following his graduation from the University of Georgia earlier in the year.

Following his stint in the ROTC at Georgia, Milton pursued his career in the army. The pair were assigned to Giessen, Germany arriving on the QEII with great anticipation. The happy couple loved to dance every chance they could find. From the officers' club to private homes, countless friends and acquaintances were entertained with their grace and fluidity demonstrating an effortless performance on each occasion. During this time the happy couple were graced with a new addition to their family, Cynthia whom Milton proudly dubbed Miss Tookie. He often stated he must have pulled her a "thousand miles" in her little toy wagon through their small quarters. With several other young families, Milton and Diane gathered for a meal or a rousing game of cards, lining the children up in basinetts, forging bonds which lasted a throughout their lives.

Another passion shared was the love of travel. Taking advantage of their time overseas, Milton and Dianne visited many European countries including Italy and France gathering accoutrements, the use of which would initiate reminiscences about the fun and joy they

experienced during their career in the military. Eventually returning to the United States, Milton pursued a Master of Accounting degree in 1969, receiving an honorable discharge as a Captain in the Quartermasters Corps, June 17th, 1970.

Moving to Mauldin, South Carolina, Milton accepted a position at KPMG Peat, Marwick of Greenville as an audit manager. With a new career launching, Milton and Dianne were blessed with a new arrival, Milton Eugene Futch, Jr., called Gene by most, but for Milton, Gene was dubbed Geno with great affection, his little buddy for life. Developing a very strong bond, they forged through life playing golf, fishing, bowling, but most enjoyable and highly prized was their annual trek to Athens each year tailgating and cheering on their beloved BullDawgs.

Milton moved on to become an executive vice president and chief financial officer of First Savings Bank of Greenville, SC. Eventually Milton moved back to Georgia taking a position at Keymarket Communications in Augusta, finally he returned to his boyhood home becoming finance director for the City of Statesboro managing the financial and reporting functions for the city. Resigning from this position he took on the final challenge of his career becoming the county administrator for Candler County. Milton's faith was strong participating in many facets beginning in Temple Hill Baptist Church then becoming a member of the Presbyterian church where he served as a Deacon and an Elder. His faith was great comfort for him over his lifetime, especially when he braved battled Parkinson's Disease.

He is survived by daughter, Cynthia Futch, son, Milton E. Futch, Jr., daughter-in-law Sharon, grandson, Ethan and granddaughter, Lauren. Milton is also survived by his sister Daisy (Billy), Eugenia (Woody), Jimmy (Teresa) and Beth (Brad). He was preceded in death by his wife Diane Russell Futch, his parents Eugene and Lillian Futch and his brother Jack (Paula) Futch.

The family will receive visitors on Wednesday from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro.

The Funeral will be held on Thursday at 10:30am in the chapel of Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home with Rev. Taylor Hartman officiating.

Interment will follow at Temple Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John Bounds, Bruce Rowand, Brad Bennett, Jimmy Futch, Brian Johnson, Mike Allen, Dave Merry and Taft Matney. Honorary pallbearers will be John David Donaldson, Dan Penrose, Lance Crick, Jason Crick, Robert Woods, and Bill Sellers. The family requests any memorial contributions be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (Parkinson.org).

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Temple Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

2011 Metts Rd

Statesboro, GA, 30461

Events

SEP **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US,
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SEP **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - September 11 at 04:55 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Milton's passing. We spent many hours in the stadium in Athens with him and Dianne and know he missed being there. They were both such kind and loving people. Love and condolences to the family.

Karen and Andy Page
Greenville, SC

Karen Page - September 11 at 10:57 PM



“ I thoroughly enjoyed working with Milton while he was Candler County Administrator!! He was always very helpful during the many years I served as auditor for the County .. I have many fond memories of our working together . He was a very thorough and detail person !! Heaven has gained another great servant !!

Herman Mongin - September 11 at 08:13 PM



“ I offer my condolences to Futch family and friends. I have fond memories meeting Mr. Futch at tailgates and talking to him about my time as a cadet at UGA ROTC. Many thanks to his service to our Nation. May God bless him eternally.

John Heil - September 11 at 05:49 PM



“ 191 files added to the album LifeTributes





“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton E. Futch.



September 11 at 11:30 AM



“ We had many vacations together on beaches in Mexico, Aruba, Florida and South Carolina. I still miss the times. I know it is a great time being with Dianne. God bless all efamily members. We pray for everyone..

Gerald and Carole Owens
Lexington, SC

Gerald Owens - September 11 at 10:25 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to Cynthia and Gene and all the family as you morn the loss of your dad. We shared many happy times with him and your mom through our church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian in Mauldin. Love in Christ, Becky and Keith Self

Becky Self - September 11 at 09:53 AM



“ It was a great honor and privilege to care for Mr. Milton Futch. From our early morning coffee and conversations to our daily strolls. I pray peace and comfort over his family. I love you dearly and you will always be in my heart.

Teshca Stanley - September 11 at 06:13 AM



“ Uncle Milton was always serious minded to me, but would then take you by surprise with a dry and sly comment or humorous observation. The few times we were able to spend together were that much more special and I think fondly of a particular visit in the Bay Area of California with he and Aunt Dianne. Gracious and ready for adventure is how I do and will continue to remember them. Farewell.

Mr. Robert E. Woods - September 11 at 01:44 AM



“Buddy, pal, old friend of mine” will be missed, but I know your love will live in me.
Geno



Gene Futch - September 10 at 09:32 PM



“ My condolences to you and your family

Teshca Stanley - September 11 at 12:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Milton E. Futch.

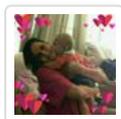


September 10 at 05:29 PM



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Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - September 10 at 04:19 PM



“ Mr Futch was one of a kind He enjoyed his breakfast at 3Am in the morning Going to miss sitting with on weekends plus mine and his birthday was the same I know he is happy now and the family will miss him But He Is In No More Pain And Enjoying His New Home

Denise Williams - September 10 at 10:05 AM



“ Denise Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton E. Futch



Denise Williams - September 10 at 10:01 AM



“ I was sad to learn of Milton's death. As a classmate, he was always kind and pleasant to all. I send my condolences to his family!

jackie Kelly Hinz - September 09 at 07:13 PM