

Jessie Gene Merritt

January 17, 1944 - September 6, 2021

Mr. Jessie Gene Merritt, age 77 of Douglas, GA passed away Monday afternoon, September 6, 2021 at Coffee Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. Mr. Merritt was born January 17, 1944 to the late Riley Arthur Merritt and the late Stella Lee Tucker Merritt.

Mr. Merritt, a native of Coffee County, had a 30 year career in banking with Farmers Bank, Broxton State Bank, Coffee County Bank and First National Bank of Coffee County. He was a veteran of the United States Marines, where he served 2 terms in Vietnam from 1964 until 1970..

Survivors include:

His wife: Linda Dianne Harper Merritt of Douglas,GA

1 Daughter: Lori Jeneen Merritt-Cliett and husband Darin of Douglas, GA

1 Son: Jason Elijah Merritt and wife Kim of Douglas, GA

2 Sisters: Gwinette Bracewell and husband James of Douglas, GA
Patricia Teston and husband Junior of Douglas,GA

4 Grandchildren: Logan Merritt, Haley Merritt, Noah Cliett and Natalie

Cliett all of Douglas, GA

Several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and many Friends.

The graveside service and interment will be Friday morning, September 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Salem Cemetery with Rev. Marshall Adcock officiating.

Active Pallbearers for the service will be: Chase Lewis, Henry Lewis, Stacy Teston, Bryan Teston, Irvin Bracewell and Michael Bracewell.

Honorary Pallbearers for the service will be: Ronnie Carver, Johnny Morris, Sammy Lastinger, Butch Wright, Keith Wright, Tommy Little, Kerry Van Moore, Scott Day, Roy Harper , Greg Gore, Jerry Pope, Richael Dockery, Sammy Darrell Wooten, Donnie Harper, George Bordeaux, Fred Cole, Joe Rooker, Ronnie Spivey and Greg Batten.

Due to COVID-19, the family would like to ask that all attendees, please follow the rules of social distancing, and wear your mask for safety precautions at the service.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

299 Pecan Grove Lane
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Gene Merritt*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Ms. Merritt, Jensen and Jason. We were so sorry to hear about Gene. Larry had known him for many years. We pray for peace and comfort in the days ahead. I love you Jeneen Merritt ever since you and Lori was in school together*

Velma and Larry Russ - September 12, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Patricia and Family - I was so sadden to hear of Gene's passing. I know how close you were. May it bring you peace to know that he is in such a better place. Gene will be missed by everyone that knew him. Please know that others do care! Sending Hugs and Prayers!*




Deborah Boyd - September 09, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Diane & family during this most difficult time. Mr. Gene always had a smile every time I saw him & he always made us laugh when we had our breakfast Allied Health Meetings at your house. He definitely made sure we had plenty to eat & always cooked the best breakfast ever!! He will be missed!!! I pray God will provide a sense of peace & comfort to each one of you today & the days to come. I love y'all with all my heart always and forever! Deidra Floyd*

Deidra Floyd - September 09, 2021 at 07:10 PM

 Brenda
Moon

“ *Our friend forever. We love you Gene Merritt.
Love and prayers for Diane and children.*



Brenda Moon - September 09, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family
of Jessie Gene Merritt.*



September 09, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *To the Entire Merritt Family Deepest Sympathy !
Carolyn H. Hutchenson*

Carolyn H. Hutchenson - September 09, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Gene was a great friend, not just to me but to
everyone he met. May your family find
comfort in God's grace at this time.*



Ronnie Spivey - September 08, 2021 at 10:32 PM

GC

Gene Merritt, a legend in his own time, a friend,an entertainer, always smiling and he could make you smile too! He will be so missed by his loving wife,children and grands and Buddy and Olean,there are no replacements for Gene Merritt! when he fell in the pond I called to check up after his hospital stay and he said,"Oh, I'm fine ,if I ain't falling in a hole, I am trying to get out of one!" and he added "just like you" be fixing up we will all join you one day all my love..... Glenda Kight Courson & Rodney Sr.

Glenda Courson - September 09, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear about Gene's passing. With love and prayers.
Johnnie Faye and Jimmy Lee Mancil*

Johnnie Faye Mancil - September 08, 2021 at 07:10 PM

KL

“ *Kellie Lockwood lit a candle in memory of
Jessie Gene Merritt*



Kellie Lockwood - September 08, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Jessie Gene Merritt.*



September 08, 2021 at 02:22 PM

BH

“ Prayers for comfort and peace during these difficult times.



Billy Joe and Peggy Hall - September 08, 2021 at 02:21 PM

GO

“ I always loved being around Gene, he was neve boring. I have memories of him from as far back as I can remember! He was a great man, not perfect, but great! He will be greatly missed.



Greta O'Steen - September 08, 2021 at 10:36 AM

FD

“ Faye Durrance lit a candle in memory of Jessie Gene Merritt



Faye Durrance - September 08, 2021 at 10:23 AM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss. He was my friend in high school and continued on in latter years.

Carnell Bestland Jackson - September 08, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *W L & Betty Coley sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie Gene Merritt*



W L & Betty Coley - September 07, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sue Mobley lit a candle in memory of Jessie Gene Merritt*



Sue Mobley - September 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM