



Olan Mitchell Merritt

May 9, 1938 - August 19, 2014

Mr. Olan Mitchell Merritt, age 76, of Douglas, passed away early Tuesday morning, August 19, 2014 at the Coffee Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. Mr. Merritt was born May 9, 1938 to the late Fred Merritt and the late Ethel Vickers Merritt. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Merritt. Mr. Merritt, a native of Coffee County, was a Truck Driver for Williams Institutional Foods for 50 years. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam Era, and he had retired from the local National Guard - 848th Engineer Unit. Mr. Merritt was a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church. Survivors include: His Wife: Ann Dora Veal Merritt of Douglas, GA; Children: Mickey Merritt of Crestview, FL., Rickey Merritt and Eddie Merritt both of Douglas, GA., Lamar Merritt of Dublin, GA., and Traci Merritt of Alma , GA ; 1 Sister: Fannie Ruth Roberson of Nicholls, GA; 7 Grand Children and 2 Great Grand Children; Several Nieces, Nephews, Friends and Other Relatives. Funeral Services were held Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 4:00 P.M., at College Avenue Baptist Church, with Rev. Mark Mercer and Rev. DeWayne Atkinson officiating. The Interment followed in the Douglas City Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were: Jeremy Newell, David Coley, Larry Roberson, Michael Veal, Steve Crosby, and Mac McCrary. Honorary Pallbearers were Members of the Men's Adult Sunday School Class, along with Donnie Brigmond and Ray Moon. Special Musical Selections, "I Can Only Imagine", was presented by Michelle Yawn, Crystal Fuller, Jeremy Newell, on the Guitar, and Rev. DeWayne Atkinson, on the Electric Guitar, "I Sure Miss You", was presented

by Michelle Yawn, Crystal Fuller, Jeremy Newell, on the Guitar, and Rev. DeWayne Atkinson, at the Piano. "Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone" was rendered by DeeJae Griffin, Archie Rish, and Carla Rish, with CD Music. Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Douglas City Cemetery

1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-1155
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

College Avenue Baptist Church
714 South College Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Tribute Wall



“ *Olan Mitchell Merritt*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *I have a good memory of Olan, my first double date. Actually I was friends with Sage Thigpen who was good friends with Olan. One Sunday afternoon, they both had a date with two girls for a double date and Sage and I were hanging out together. Olan agreed that I could go with them on their date. I was 10 to 12 years younger than Olan or Sage so it was a big deal for me to tag along but they both agreed along with the girls. None of the other 4 people involved probably remembered this episode but I always did and thought that if was really something that they all let me tag along. Even though I have not lived in Douglas for many years, I still have great memories of my growing up there and my heart is still in Douglas and all the people that I knew. I wish all of Olan's family peace at this time.*

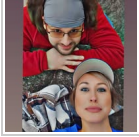
Buddy Ashurst - August 21, 2014 at 06:07 PM



“ *Charlotte Hallman lit a candle in memory of Olan Mitchell Merritt*



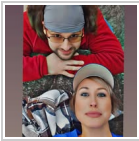
Charlotte Hallman - August 21, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ *Heather Graham Lankford sent a virtual gift in memory of Olan Mitchell Merritt*



Heather Graham Lankford - August 21, 2014 at 09:25 AM



“ *Heather Graham Lankford lit a candle in memory of Olan Mitchell Merritt*



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“ *Jennifer Wildes Spivey lit a candle in memory of Olan Mitchell Merritt*



Jennifer Wildes Spivey - August 20, 2014 at 08:13 PM