



Rufus Archie Wiggins

January 20, 1936 - August 24, 2025

Mr. Rufus Archie Wiggins, age 89 of Douglas, GA passed away Sunday Evening, August 24, 2025 at Lakeside Senior Living following an extended illness.

Mr. Wiggins was born January 20, 1936 to the late Charlie Homer Wiggins and the late Latishia Young Wiggins. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Sarah Phillips Wiggins; and 2 brothers: John Willie Wiggins, Harold Wiggins, and a brother-in-law, Talmadge Banks, and a sister-in-law: Maxine Wiggins Stokes

Mr. Wiggins loved the Lord and was a member of St. Illa Baptist Church for more than 45 years. He was also a member of the Coffee County Saddle Club for many years. He found his greatest joy in time spent with his family.

Mr. Wiggins is survived by 2 children: Larry Wiggins and Lynn Wright and husband Michael all of Douglas, Georgia; 4 grandchildren: Brandon Wright of Colorado and Brooke Wright Wiederhold and husband Brendan of Douglas, Georgia, Charlie Wiggins and wife Kaysie of Tifton, Georgia, and Lexie Wiggins Giddens and husband Bryce of Moultrie, Georgia; 8 great-grandchildren: Elijah Wright of Columbus, Georgia, Mikayah Wright of New York City, New York, Myles Wright and Lev Wright both of Colorado, Brinley Wiederhold, Brielle Wiederhold and Brextan Wiederhold all of Douglas,

Georgia, Archer Wiggins of Tifton, Georgia; and a sister, Evelyn W. Banks of Douglas, Georgia; along with a number of nieces nephews and extended family members.

Mr. Wiggins' family will receive friends on Wednesday morning, August 27, 2025 at St. Illa Baptist Church from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. His funeral will be held at 11:00 AM at St. Illa Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Reagan officiating. The interment will follow in Douglas City Cemetery.

Mr. Wiggins' family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Lakeside Senior Living and Bethany Hospice for the love and care that they showed to Mr. Wiggins and his family through his illness.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with Mrs. Wiggins' family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Wiggins' arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Douglas City Cemetery

1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Illa Baptist Church
5638 Highway 158 West
Douglas, GA 31535

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Illa Baptist Church
5638 Highway 158 West
Douglas, GA 31535

Interment

AUG 27 (ET)

Douglas City Cemetery
1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rufus Archie Wiggins*



Ricketson Funeral Home - August 28, 2025 at 04:16 PM

GW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Rufus's passing. My daddy, my sisters, and I were so blessed to have met him at the family reunion. We enjoyed visiting with him and thought he was an exceptional gentleman. We were proud to call him a relative! I wish I could be there today for his service, but will be there in spirit. I know my father welcomed him with open arms in heaven.*

Gina Wiggins - August 27, 2025 at 09:43 AM

AC

“ *Angie Lott Carver and family*



Angela L Carver - August 26, 2025 at 03:55 PM

GM

“ Lynn and Larry, I am so sorry for your loss!
You had the best parents 🙏



Gay McGovern - August 26, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CA

“ Carol Allen Aycock lit a candle in memory of
Rufus Archie Wiggins



Carol Allen Aycock - August 26, 2025 at 08:49 AM

TH

“ Tommy And Lynn Harrell lit a candle in
memory of Rufus Archie Wiggins



Tommy and Lynn Harrell - August 26, 2025 at 05:49 AM

TK

“ *My first memory of Rufus was around 1979 or 1980. I was a brand new Duo-Fast nail and staple salesman that was working in southwest Ga. Living in Albany, Ga. I didn't know anybody My wife and I had a small apartment and at the time hadn't made any friends. Rufus invited us over to Holiday Beach where we skied and swam and cooked out then watched Mel Tillis Do a show! The whole family was there and we had a great time. Rufus made us feel like family. They all did! I could always count on him for advice on how to fix a problem with a tool I was having trouble with! Rufus was a good man and a hard worker! Well done faithful servant!*

Tony Katter - August 26, 2025 at 05:03 AM