



## Sonny Asa Leonard McMahan

November 26, 1925 - November 26, 2014

Sonny (Asa Leonard) McMahan, age 89, born and raised in the home built by his grandfather in Rising Fawn, GA, died peacefully at The Terrace in Chattanooga on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Virginia Lovelace Zachary McMahan, sister Henrietta West and brother Charles McMahan; children Lindsay Fussell, Mike (Phyllis) McMahan, Alex McMahan, Laura (Steve) Wilson and their mother Myrna McMahan; stepchildren Elizabeth Zachary, John (Anita) Zachary, Virginia (Joe) Waddell, David Zachary and Kathy Zachary. Sonny was blessed with 22 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Asa Alexander and Cecilia Hitt McMahan, siblings Donnie McMahan, Buddy McMahan, Thelma McNair, Ruth Boren, Mary Kirk and grandson Michael McMahan. Born in 1925, Sonny was the seventh of 8 children. Starting as a young boy, he worked on his family farm, instilling a lifelong love of gardening that provided delicious home-grown vegetables to grateful family and friends for decades. Sonny graduated from Dade County High School as Valedictorian. He then served in the U.S. Army in Europe from 1944-46, supervising POWs and food preparation for the troops. He married Myrna Renfroe McMahan in 1947, and the couple raised their four children in a house Sonny built in Trenton, GA. He had a passion for tennis, and constructed a clay court at home to share his love of the game with his family. He spent over 30 years as a machinist at Combustion Engineering Co., where he trained teams in innovative processes. Sonny was the longest-serving

member of the Rising Fawn Methodist Church congregation, sang in their choir and spent many years as lay representative for the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. A love of history led to his work with the Dade County Historical Society, where Sonny served as President. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, and a longtime supporter of the Chattanooga Lookouts and Atlanta Braves. For many years after retirement, Sonny and Virginia performed in square dancing groups, where his famous bolo tie was proudly on display. The popular couple was twice named Valentine King and Queen of The Terrace, where their beloved dog, Snoopy, is an unofficial mascot for residents. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to Rising Fawn Methodist Church or Dade County Historical Society, 720 Brow Rd., Trenton, GA 30752 in memory of Sonny McMahan. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Saturday November 29, 2014 in the chapel with Rev. Steve Doyal and Rev. Wayne Cook officiating. Interment will follow in Hanna Cemetery, Rising Fawn, GA. Family will receive friends Saturday from 10 AM until service time at Ryan Funeral Home, 11415 S. Main Street, Trenton, GA 30752.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sonny Asa Leonard McMahan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Ms Virginia,, it was a blessing that I knew Sonny and was able to assist as I could.. You are still a blessing to me and I will always be here for you and your family.. You have always treated me with so much respect and you are very true to your word.. Cheryl and I will always be here to support you and push you in positive direction.. You are our family and never have to wonder if you have true friends,, because we will never be with out us..we love you so much and want to be able to help you and your family anyway possible..*

**Elizabeth reyna** - November 29, 2014 at 04:56 PM



“ *Thinking of all of you. Much love, Greg*

**Gregory Sterchi** - November 28, 2014 at 03:03 PM



“ *A very nice man with a very nice family. Sorry for your loss. Barry*

**Barry Courter** - November 28, 2014 at 01:04 PM



“ *Mike, Lindzey, Alex, & Laura....so sorry to hear of your Dads passing..He was an amazing man, an inspiration to our lives. Praying for strength and comfort as you go through this sad time...Love to you all...*

**Melvin & Martha Bradford** - November 28, 2014 at 08:29 AM

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“ *I will miss Sonny's smile. It was so bright and made me want to smile. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers* ”

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**Melissa L. Blevins** - November 27, 2014 at 03:36 PM