



Marvin Wilbur Tarpley

December 22, 1920 - December 9, 2015

Marvin Wilbur Tarpley (Tarp) of Aiken, SC died at 94 years of age on December 9, 2015 at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. He was born on December 22, 1920 in Fife, GA to Fannie Edmondson Tarpley and Zachary Clifford Tarpley. Tarp graduated from Campbell County (now South Fulton) High School in Fairburn, GA and attended Emory at Oxford College. Prior to WWII, Tarp studied aircraft radar installation and repair in the Civil Service at Fort Monmouth, NJ. He was a WWII veteran, having served with the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific, specifically on the island of Tinian. He was a broadcast engineer at WCCP radio station in Savannah, GA where he met his wife-to-be. He was chief engineer at WBBQ radio station in Augusta, GA. For 30 years, Tarp made numerous significant technical contributions to the operations at the DOE Savannah River Site. Having played for 90 years, Tarp was an accomplished musician on the piano and organ. Throughout his life, Tarp has volunteered through the churches and professional organizations that he has been affiliated with. Tarp's final years were spent enjoying playing the piano daily and for social gatherings, studying college level video courses, reading and hanging out with his family, dog and cat. Tarp is survived by his son, James Marvin Tarpley and James' wife Debbie and by his sisters Gladys Almyra Tarpley and Mary Lynn Tarpley Gillette. Tarp is predeceased by his wife of over sixty five years, Mary Elizabeth Brown Tarpley, his brother, Judson Leroy Tarpley and sister, Elizabeth Anne Tarpley. Graveside service and interment will be conducted at Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery,

Fayetteville, GA on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Arrangements have been entrusted to Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory of Fairburn, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to the Organ Fund of the Bethany United Methodist Church. Please sign the guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com .

Bethany United Methodist Church 607 Rivers Rd Fayetteville, GA 30214
Intersection of Lees Lake Rd and Milam Rd/Rivers Rd <http://bethanyumcfayetteville.weebly.com> (770) 864-6999 Lat 33.527153° Lon -84.543306°

Tribute Wall

JK

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss of your dad. He was a great member of the "Greatest Generation" and a true hero for his service to our country in WWII. It was my pleasure and honor to help you schedule his last examination at the Charlie Norwood VAMC last spring. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

John & Linda Kolmar - December 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What an amazing and accomplished man! May Our Lord cover you in the comfort of His love. We wait in Hope for everlasting reunion with our dear ones separated now by death. Love & Hugs

Debbie & Ken Baer - December 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Mr. Tarpley was an INCREDIBLE musician. I had the job of painting the house on Hwy 92 for the Tarpleys years ago. I could hear him playing the most beautiful music while I worked. I asked him if he knew how to play "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" on his organ. He played that tune with perfection! Ill never forget that experience. I was astounded! What a great guy!

Alan Bray - December 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family today. We will remember you all tomorrow at our service.

Allen-Lee Memorial United Methodist Church

Lone Oak, GA

Allen-Lee UMC - December 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all your family. We ask God to give you His grace and peace. Michael and Terrie McFarlin are our pastor and pastors wife, and we love them.

Eleanor Strickland

Lynn and Winston Skinner

Lynn and Winston Skinner - December 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Sincere condolences are offered by Kurt Peterson and family.

Kurt Peterson - December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Mama & James,

I am so sorry about Tarpley. I love yall

Jamie & Rebecca Hudson - December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ James you were so blessed to have him with you for so long. He and your mom will be in your thoughts until you pass. I know Debbie came to love them when you married and she will help with your loss. I know you brought joy to their lives and you can both go through this time with few regrets. You took wonderful care of them. My thoughts are with you both and his sisters. Hugs to you all.

Shirley Townsend - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ James, Mary Lynn, and Gladys, I am so sorry for your loss. Dad/Wilbur is at peace now. No pain, suffering or outcrying anymore. He is in a much better place. We will have to rely on God and our fond memories of Tarp to get us through this troubling time. I love you All.

Debbie Tarpley - December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM