



Richard 'Dick' Lane

November 5, 2015

Mr. Richard “Dick” Gautier Lane of Sharpsburg passed away November 1, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lane of Sharpsburg; children, Milinda “Mindy” French and her husband Kelly of Hapeville; Laurie Cook and Michael Blackwell of LaGrange; Richard “Rick” Paul Lane and his wife Melissa of Sharpsburg; sister, Norma Goecke of Roswell; grandchildren, Kristin and Daniel McCoy, Kane French, Kyle Cook, Kase Cook, Dalton Lane, Bailey Lane, Riley Lane; great grandchildren, Colton McCoy, Maci McCoy and Daisy McCoy. Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 2 o’clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. George Dillard officiating. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory. 770-964-4800.

Mr. Lane was highly regarded in the community as a politician, a family man, and held numerous accolades for his athletic accomplishments. As a young man, he was the youngest player to ever start a varsity football game under Wally Butts at the University of Georgia at the age of 16. He also broke the state record for the 100 yard dash and held the title for several years. After 2 years at UGA, he left to serve his country in WWII as a sailor aboard the USS Hornet. Upon returning home, he earned honors such as: Runner up “MR. Georgia” in 1948 and Georgia State Karate Champion in 1964 as a 2nd

degree Black Belt. Sport and Athletics were prominent in his life as he also served as the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation in East Point, GA, for almost 3 decades.

As a member of the Georgia State House of Representatives, he passed 160 bills that became laws and 14 constitutional amendments in his 28 years of service. Many of his recognizable bills saved countless lives such as the Seatbelt law, the bicycle helmet law, and the law requiring commercial buildings and residential dwellings to have smoke detectors. He wrote numerous bills with the interest of his community and state at heart such as the Smoke Free Workplace bill, the Spay and Neuter your Pets Campaign, and wrote a bill that will keep Hartsfield Jackson International Airport from ever being sold to a foreign investor.

Dick Lane will be missed by his family, his colleagues, and the people of his community that he worked so diligently to serve.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ My heart goes out to all of the Lane family. You and Dick were a part of my life in East Point..a very wonderful part of my memories as a child that carried thru in my adult life.

Paul St. Denis - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ May Jehovah God comfort you during this time of loss. Though there may be little that can be said or done to ease your pain, may you find comfort in knowing that many care and sympathize with your sadness. Always know that Jehovah God is with you to strengthen and guide you. May your trust in his promise of a resurrection bring you peace. – Acts 24:15

K.L. Banks - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My condolences to the family. I fondly remember Dick. I have a photo from the local paper in East Point back in the early 60s of him giving me the Athlete of the Week Award taken in front of the old gym at Sumner Park. He loved East Point and served his House District well. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

Ann E ReVelle - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Betty,

I was so sorry to hear of Dicks passing. Carl and I always enjoyed talking with the two of you when eating at one of our favorite places, Chick fil A.

Also, it was always nice to know we had such good neighbors at Canongate.

Dick was so pleasant and accomplished so much in life on this earth.

We will miss him.

Angela Bentley Dendy - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our condolences to your family. I have many memories of the late 50s, and 60s. I remember Dick having an exercise class in very early 60s where we did exercises with a metal bar on the girls softball field. A great man and leader, and he went on to great things. You will be missed*

Ronald Logan and family - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort give you the peace that surpasses all thought during this difficult time. (Philippians 4:6,7)*

K - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Were sorry to hear of Dicks passing. You have our deepest sympathy.*

Betty Lee, Joe Lee, Jr, Bill Lee, Sam Lee - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

David and Ann Blackwell - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Your family is in our prayers.*

Judi and Junior Moss - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Our prayers are with your family at this time. God called him home so he could organize the people in heaven and help them keep fit*

Don and Linda Simon - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Lane family and friends. Dick was a wonderful, kind man, and the many people whose lives he touched will always remember him and his kindness.*

Carol Peskopos Beaber - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Every Friday night until he retired from announcing the Woodward Academy football games I could count on Dick being in the press box. His dedication and the enthusiasm he brought to call the game is part of Woodward Football legend and now so is he.
Goodbye my friend

Dave chandler - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Betty and All the Children, Oh, for the Good Old East Point Days, Such good memories of Dick and the rest of the Lanes. Share your sorrow in the loss of a Great husband, father and grandfather. The grief will not go away but the precious memories will remain. God Bless each of you, may the Peace and Comfort of Our Lord and Saviour be with you.

Johnnie & The Holland Boys, Greg, Gary, Grant - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My prayers are with you and your family.

Martha Landrum Hamilton - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences To The Entire Lane Family. Dick Was Truly An Outstanding Man! Praying For Comfort And Peace For Each Of You! Love, Tony, Denise & Ashley Wilhelm

Denise Wallace Wilhelm - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Our Heart Felt Condolences to you Laurie &128591; Your Dad was a Great inspiration to everyone who knew him & that grew up in East Point !! Keep your memories close to your Heart .
Love ya,
Susan Barksdale

Susan - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ Prayers for the Lane family. I have many memories of Dick Lane - from East Point, to Peachtree City Packers, to Coweta County and football games. He had a positive impact on many communities.

Wendy Rivers Arnold - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To The Family: I only new Dick from chance meetings at the General Assembly in Atlanta...he was a mover and shaker and my father, Tom Murphy, always told me that Dick Lane was "top-drawer" people... they were close friends and the State of Georgia is the better because of people like Dick Lane... God Bless and Godspeed to him and his memory...may he rest in the eternal presence of the Good Lord...Mike Murphy

Mike Murphy - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Betty and family so sorry to learn about Dick, he will be missed. I loved seeing him at the bank with Betty before I left, wonderful family. We have lost a great man!

Debbie Blevins - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Lane Family. Dick Lane will always be a fond memory growing up in East Point.*

Jana Newland - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Betty, and all your family. He will be missed.*

Pat (Wallace) Penn & Bud Penn - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Dick Lane was at Russell when my father was; so, I knew of him before I ever had the privilege of meeting him. I remember the Sumner Park days and the early days of his political career. He was always a great man willing to give all he had. God rest his soul. God bless and keep his family and loved ones.*

Larry Thompson - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Betty and family,
Just wanted to say We are praying for yall and He is in A better place. God Bless Yall.*

Joy Callahan - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I miss you daddy . Thank You for all the love and support you gave us , you were worried you had forgotten to teach us something , you didnt you Truly Did it all . I Love You*

Laurie Lane Cook - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Dick was a blessing to be around while staying and helping out with the Lanes. It is sometimes hard to put in words when a parent passes. My deepest sympathy to the Lane families, he will truly be missed. May God Comfort each and everyone at this time. May God Bless You.

Linda - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I was so sorry to learn of Dicks passing. I enjoyed spotting for him a few times when Christine couldnt be at the WA games. My sympathy to you Betty and the rest of your family.

Nancy Boston - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I grew up in East Point and was around Sumner Park. My brother Ronnie King rode the bike track on many occasions. RIP Mr.Lane.

Diane King Oliver - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ To the Family and Friends, so sorry for your loss. the Bible offers the best comfort at this time at "John 5:28,29 " & " Job 14: ,14,15" . If you would like to learn more go to www.jw.org (search) What does the Bible say about death.

Sandra Rhodes - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ The Fagan family extends its prayers and thoughts to the Lane family. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon each of you during this time.

Clay Fagan - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Richard was a great friend, neighbor and co-worker.*

Marshall & Sheryl Collins - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes to the entire Lane family during this difficult time.*

Mike & Sue Burnett - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Dear Betty and Lane family, so sorry to hear of Dicks passing he was such a gentleman and was one of my favorite clients at Elite Salon in Tyrone.
Deepest sympathies,
Amy Ward*

Amy Ward - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Dear Betty and family - Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. As a former employee of Sams Club, I only knew Dick and Betty from their visits to the Club. I looked forward to their visits and loved getting my hugs from both Dick and Betty. Even when I would go there to shop, I would look for them at lunch time and sit and talk with them. I loved when Betty came to the clothing department to help me fold clothes and Dick would ride in his cart and just smile. I did not know of all his accomplishments and how great of a man he was. Rest in peace Dick, your wonderful life has touched many and it was a pleasure to have crossed paths with you.*

Lynne Smith - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Betty and family,*

Were so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything.

*Love you,
Karen and Russell*

Karen Bradley - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Our hearts are broken. Many, Many memories with our second Family. Praying Gods Peace and Comfort to Mrs Lane, Mindy,Laurie and Rick and all their Families. Mr Lane will never be forgotten and will be missed by us and by many!!! Love to you all*

The Grays - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *As good a man as God ever made, a friend of my family and a friend of East Point.*

Mike Dailey - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My you rest in peace and know that you touched many lives while here on earth and thank you for the honor of knowing you , you made the world a better place for the ones still here*

John Goforth - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. Youre in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sheila Parrott - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Lane was a wonderful man. Hold tight to all the wonderful memories. Love, Hugs and Blessings... Becky

Becky Harrington Mikolaitis - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Betty & Family*

Words cant express my feelings for knowing Dick. He was such a joy to be around. His smile, kind words, uplifting manner. The laughter we shared all those years in the Woodward press box will never be forgotten. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Love Always
Christine Turner*

Christine Turner - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *So sorry, I cry thinking about Mister Lane at Sumner Park and the good times we had.*

John Sudduth - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *I was so sorry to hear Dick passed away. I have so many memories from working at the City of East Point and seeing Dick coming and going there and playing ball with Betty. I will keep the Lane family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Vicki Crowell - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *To the family, sorry for your loss. This brought back memories of East Point with my father being a lifelong person from East Point, born in a house in East Point.*

Terry Mitchell - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM