



John Woodrow Corbin

November 12, 1916 - September 9, 2006

CORBIN-John Woodrow Corbin passed away Sept. 9, 2006 following a short illness surrounded by the family he so dearly loved. Woody has been a member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church since 1932 and a member of Atlanta's Post 134 American Legion since the early '50's. He was 1934 class president of Lawrenceville High and also attended Atlanta Law School. Mr. Corbin was born Nov. 12, 1916 in Lawrenceville to Honor and Mary Durham Corbin. His father told him he was almost named "California Woodrow" after Woodrow Wilson, who was elected President of the United States on Nov.7, 1916, when California came in with the deciding vote. Woody's family traces its roots back to the 1800's in Lawrenceville. His grandparents, Soloman and Emma Corbin lived on E. Pike Street on Corbin farmland that is now Rhodes Jordan Park. Woody's great-great grandfather, Ira Allen Corbin, served with the Confederate Army Unit Gwinnett Independent Blues in the Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Gen. Robert E. Lee. Ira Corbin was wounded July 3, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg and wounded a second time at Spotsylvania, Virginia at the Battle of Bloody Angel May 12, 1864. Capt. John "Woody" Corbin served his country during WWII as an Army Air Force flight instructor attaining 1,970 flying hours. On Nov. 18, 1945 Woody married Betty Shelby, a beautiful brunette he had met while instructing at a base in Newport, Arkansas. They settled in Atlanta where Woody worked in the hotel business. He brought a keen managerial style to the Dinkler Hotels where he enjoyed 15 years of service and another 8 years at The Georgian Terrace.

Betty's home state beckoned and Woody took a position as manager of The Little Rock Country Club for 10 years. Woody and Betty returned to Lawrenceville and became the owners of the Lawrenceville Dairy Queen, a business Woody's father had built in the 1950's. Mr. Corbin was preceded in death by his Parents: Honor & Mary Corbin; Brother: Willis A. Corbin; Sister Rose Corbin Cowsert; Son-in-law Col. Arthur T. Hoffson. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Betty; Children: Susan Hoffson, John Shelby Corbin, David Bruce Corbin, Cynthia and Harvey Leake, Sr.; Grandchildren: Brian Arthur Hoffson of West Palm Beach, Florida, Laura and Casey Laws, Harvey Leake, Jr., Daniel Woodrow Leake; Great Grandchildren: James Edmund Laws and Caroline Grace Laws; Brother: Richard Durham "Dick" Corbin, Savannah, GA; Niece: Rosemary Harrison; Great Nephew: Alex Harrison and many other Nieces and Nephews. Dr. Lamar Holley will lead a celebration of Woody's life on Sept. 13, 2006 at 2:00 PM in the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home. Entombment will follow the service at Gwinnett Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Sept. 12, 2006 from 6 - 8 PM. Memorial gifts may be made in Woody's memory to the Lawrenceville First Baptist Church "Foundations For The Future", P. O. Box 228, Lawrenceville, GA. 30046. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Rd. Lawrenceville, GA. 30045. 770-962-3100. Please sign online guest registry @ www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Woodrow Corbin*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I Love You Dad. The Love you gave me lives inside of me and is strong. Thank you Dad. I miss you so much . I know I will see you again one day , until then I pray your Angelic Wings will provide Top Cover for all of our family.*

Your Loving son ,

Dave##imported-begin##David Bruce Corbin Son ##imported-end##

September 16, 2006 at 12:17 PM



“ *Susie,*

My prayers are with you and your family this week. Another loss must be so difficult. I pray for the repose of your father's soul. May light perpetual shine upon him. May the Holy Spirit, our constant comforter, be with you, and those whom you love.

Tina##imported-begin##Tina Lockhart##imported-end##

September 14, 2006 at 05:13 PM



“ *To the Families of John Woodrow Corbin,*

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to you in the passing of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,

Michael and Jo-Ann Burkett##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs.

Michael Burkett##imported-end##

September 14, 2006 at 03:28 PM



“ *Betty,*

We are dear friends and co-workers of Dick Corbin in Savannah, and we got to know Woody and the rest of your family through Dick. We read Woody's beautiful obituary in the Atlanta paper and were so sorry to hear about his passing. We enjoyed, so much, the family pictures on this website. We wanted you to know we are thinking of you, Dick, and the whole family.

Sincerely,

Kay Honnold and Beverly Sheppard##imported-begin##Kay

Honnold and Beverly Sheppard##imported-end##

September 13, 2006 at 12:01 PM



“ *What a full and rewarding life John led. It seems like I saw him only at Thanksgiving during our annual visit to the South, and that was never enough. He always had meaningful and pertinent things to say about his family and the world around him, from sports to politics. I just wish I had known him when he was managing country clubs and Dairy Queens--what fun! John left a wonderful family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who will always aspire to meet the example he set for them.##imported-begin##Rick Marts##imported-end##*

September 13, 2006 at 08:24 AM



“ *Mrs. Corbin and Family,
I was sorry to read about Mr. Corbin's passing today. I thought of you and Mr. Corbin just the other day, while I was in Lawrenceville on business. Mr. Corbin was the first man I worked for (while I was still at Central Gwinnett High School) in 1979. You, David, Johnny and Mr. Corbin were always good to me. Mr. Corbin was a very good man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Mitch Blinn##imported-begin##Mitch Blinn##imported-end##*

September 12, 2006 at 06:34 PM



“ *Daddy,*

You have been a wonderful father and friend. We will miss your great sense of humor. I will miss hearing you answer the phone and saying, "Well, Miss Hoffson, how do you do?" You were nice to everyone. Folks all over Lawrenceville tell me all the time what a nice person I have for a father. I'm counting on you and my Arthur for "topcover".

Proverbs 23:7 As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. You will always be in my heart.

Love, Susie##imported-begin##Susie Hoffson##imported-end##

September 12, 2006 at 01:36 PM