



## Robert J. "Bob" McGarity

August 19, 1922 - July 19, 2007

McGARITY- Robert J. "Bob" McGarity, age 84 of Lawrenceville, died Thursday, July 19, 2007. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, July 23, 2007 at First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville. The body will lie in state beginning at 10:00 AM. Dr. Ronnie Spillers and Dr. Lamar Holley will officiate. Interment will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dacula. Bob was born in Atlanta on August 19, 1922, the son of Stephens B. and Eva McGarity. He attended Boy's High, graduating in 1940. Bob was always very proud to be an alumnus of Boy's High and attended their reunions regularly. He attended Davidson College in North Carolina. Bob began his career in radio announcing at WBGE in Atlanta. He also worked at WSB in Atlanta and at stations in Griffin and Winder, GA. Bob and his family moved to Lawrenceville in 1959 and established WLAW-AM 1360 Radio and Bob served as General Manager there until its sale in 1985. Bob always loved his Lord Jesus Christ and felt a call to ministry when he was in his fifties, becoming a Licensed Minister of the Southern Baptist faith. He served as Chaplain at Medical Arts Nursing Home in Lawrenceville until his retirement in early 2007. Bob was a member of The Disciples Sunday School Class and thoroughly enjoyed their times of study, fellowship and deep friendships. Bob was active in Lawrenceville Civic Associations throughout his career at WLAW. He was a great fan and supporter of Central Gwinnett High School Football and tried never to miss a game. He served as Game Announcer for many years. One of Bob's most memorable accomplishments was composing the lyrics for Central

Gwinnett's Fight Song in the 1960's. Bob also loved UGA Football. He is survived by: Wife: Bess McMillian McGarity, Lawrenceville; Daughter & Son-in-law: Lisa & Jim Powell, Lincolnton, N.C.; Son: Steve McGarity; Granddaughter: Amy Murray; Grandson: Brian Powell; Three Stepchildren and their families who loved him. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville, 165 Clayton Street, SE, Lawrenceville, GA 30045 or Peachtree Christian Hospice, 3430 Duluth Park Lane, NW, Duluth, GA 30096. The family invites all current and former Central Gwinnett Football Players and Coaches to serve as Honorary Escorts at the funeral. Family will receive friends from 2-4 PM and 6-8PM, Sunday, July 22, 2007 at the Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045. Please sign online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville  
165 Clayton Street, SE  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert J. "Bob" McGarity

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ I will never forget Bob. He was a WONDERFUL man and I will greatly miss him. I will never forget all the times we had on the Central Gwinnett football field. You could see how much he would light up when the fight song would play. Before every game, he would come down to the field house and bring us a pack of Starburst and he always sung the fight song to me. He loved that game and that team with all his heart. I will be praying for you during this hard time. I'll see you again soon, Bob.##imported-begin##Angela Stewart Dillard##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 07:56 PM



“ For a great friend who will be missed..##imported-begin##Betty and Ray Knight##imported-end##

July 23, 2007 at 12:07 PM



“ Thinking of you at this time. You are in our prayers. God bless you . You had a mighty fine dad.##imported-begin##Doug and Ruth Harper##imported-end##

July 22, 2007 at 06:04 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Bob for so many years at Medical Arts. He was surely the bright spot of my day on so many occasions, always with a corny joke to tell. Bob and I had an imaginary friend that we talked about daily, his name was Bubba, a sort of super every man, who could be everywhere and solve any sort of problem. We loved to conjecture where he was and what sort of worldly crisis he was solving. Bob had that sort of wry sense of humor and imagination and I dearly enjoyed sharing this little imaginary friend with him. I know today that Bubba is in Heaven. Bob was a constant companion to the residents at Medical Arts, they looked forward to seeing him and hearing his Monday night devotionals, which he put his heart into. Bob was a good man, a moral man, and he was a good example to me. I am thankful for the opportunity to have gotten to know him and am sure that God put him in my path for a reason. Miss Bess, please know that Bob loved you more than anything and that that love can sustain you through what I am sure will be a very difficult time in his loss. When you were in the facility, his every concern was on your comfort there. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. And for Bob, one last, "How 'bout them Dawgs!"

Kimberly Parker (Athens, GA)###imported-begin###Kimberly Parker###imported-end###

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July 22, 2007 at 10:44 AM