



Sam "Nixie" Free

November 13, 1919 - July 29, 2018

FREE - Sam "Nixie" Free, age 98 of Loganville, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2018. A Graveside Service will be held at 2 PM on Friday, August 17th, 2018 at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Columbia, SC. Sam was born in Bamberg, South Carolina, the youngest of three brothers. In 1942, during World War II, he was drafted as a Private and took his training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. At the end of the war, he returned to Bamberg, where he worked as a store clerk in the pharmacy for a few years. Thereafter, he attended the University of South Carolina (under the GI Bill) and majored in accounting. After graduation, Sam took a position with the Internal Revenue Service. On June 30, 1950, he and Margaret Elizabeth Fogle were married. They had their first child, Cheryl Lane, and then a second child named Margaret Elizabeth (Beth). Sam remained in the US Army Reserve until full retirement as a Major at the age of 60. In 1955, Sam started working for the State of South Carolina as a bank examiner, and continued until age 62 (when he retired). Sam enjoyed watching television, particularly game shows, such as Family Feud and Jeopardy. Sam's favorite foods were prepared Southern style vegetables and ice cream. Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and his daughter, Cheryl Lane, and is survived by his daughter, Beth Niagro, and his grandson, Derek Niagro, who both live in Loganville, GA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sam's honor to the Special Olympics, www.specialolympics.org (Sam was quite fond of this organization due to his daughter,

Cheryl Lane, being special needs) and the American Cancer Society, 250 Williams Street, Atlanta, GA 30303 . Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

845 Leesburg Road
Columbia, SC 29209

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam "Nixie" Free*

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“ *The Free Family has been a part of my life since I was a teenage girl. We have been through life's ups and downs together. I never knew Nixie's real name(Sam) until well into adulthood. I never called him Mr. Free... he was Nixie. Gruff and gentle, he was a mixture of attributes that made him endearing to us all. His love of family and his willingness to open his home and heart to friends of his family was true to his generous and big heart. What a wonderful long healthy life he enjoyed- a lucky guy. I know he is with Margaret and Cheryl and smiling down at all those he loves.*

*Love always,
Debby Walsh Pinckney*

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