



## Mr. Joseph R. Fann, Sr

May 9, 1926 - April 27, 2020

Mr. Joseph R. Fann, Sr., 93, of Royston, Georgia peacefully passed away at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center on April 27, 2020.

He was born in Maryville, Tennessee on May 9, 1926, to the late Fate and Nancy Russell Fann.

Mr. Fann was a veteran of WWII serving with the US Navy as a Seaman 1st Class. In 1953, he went to work for the US Parks Service in Tapoco, NC. In 1964, he got a job with the US Forestry Service as a research technician and moved to Asheville, NC. In 1968, he was transferred to Athens, GA where he worked at the Forestry Sciences Laboratory as a member of the Annosus Root Rot Research team. In 1973, he received a certificate of Merit from the US Department of Agriculture for invaluable contributions to the research effort that lead to effective and safe control of a major disease that was killing the Southern Pine. He retired from the forestry service in 1981.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Lou Carringer Fann and his wife, Edna Louise Grizzle Fann; also by six brothers, three sisters and one grandchild.

Survivors include his children, Ann Fann of Robbinsville, NC, Shirley (Tony) Roberson of Blairsville, GA, Joe, Jr. (Kathy) Fann of Danielsville, GA, Sara (Lester) Bray of Toccoa, GA, Judy (Wesley) Garrison of Hickory, NC and Linda

Marcie; nine grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; and sister, Ima Jean Sparks of Maryville, TN

A private graveside service for Mr. Fann will be held in the Gordon Church Cemetery in Royston, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Quiet Oaks Health Care Center in Crawford, GA or to the Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter in Danielsville, GA.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Gordon Church Cemetery**

Royston, GA 30662

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pam Fann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. Fann, Sr



Pam Fann - April 30, 2020 at 05:32 PM

PF

Uncle Joe was a great man!

Pam Fann - April 30, 2020 at 05:34 PM

JN

“ Joe was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many. I pray the Lord will comfort his loved ones. Judi Dunlap Nave.



judi dunlap nave - April 30, 2020 at 01:28 PM

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Kathy Fann - April 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM