



Mr. Wayne Varner

October 28, 1917 - April 27, 2016

Mr. Wayne Varner, age 98, of Royston, GA, passed away on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016 at Brown Health and Rehabilitation Center following complications of congestive heart failure.

He was born October 28th, 1917 in Bold Spring, GA and was preceded in death by his parents, John F. and Flora Rice Varner, wife, Dorothy J. "Dot" Varner; brothers, Pierce, Dwight, John Frank, and Fred; a son-in-law, Richard Parks; one grandson, Will Johnson III; and brother-in-law, Guy Taylor.

Mr. Varner was a 1935 graduate of Franklin County High School, and also graduated from Rabun Gap Nacoochee School with first-place honors in 1939. He and Dorothy Jordan were married on March 8th, 1941, a union that lasted 70 years until her death in 2011. They had two girls, Carolyn V. Parks and Constance V. Johnson.

After a brief stint teaching junior high school, Mr. Varner worked from 1941-1947 in the Industrial Relations Department of the LeTourneau Company of Toccoa, GA, producing machinery and heavy equipment vital to the war effort in World War II. In 1948, he and his family moved to Royston, GA, where Mr. Varner was the owner of the Royston Builders Supply Company and Cabinet Shop. From 1951 until his retirement in 1986, he was the owner and operator of the Cotton States Insurance Company. He continued to work as an income

tax preparer until 2004.

Mr. Varner was a very active participant in his community and church. He was a member of the Royston First United Methodist Church for over 60 years, and during this time he served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, Sunday School superintendent, lay speaker for the Methodist Church, and Building Committee member. In the larger community, Mr. Varner was a member of the Royston Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president. He was also a member of the Royston City Council, Royston Housing Authority Board, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Eastern Star. He was actively involved in the local PTA as a member and president, and was a Boy Scout Troop leader for many years.

Mr. Varner enjoyed many hobbies, including sailing, fishing, reading, and woodworking. His beautiful furniture can be found in the homes of his children and grandchildren as a lasting symbol of his love of family and working with his hands. Mr. Varner loved talking to people and telling stories, passing on both family history and tales of his own adventures. In his later life, he enjoyed composing poems reflecting on life, family, and friends. Mr. Varner will be remembered as a man of great faith and love for his family.

Survivors include daughters, Carolyn Parks of Cartersville, GA and Connie (Johnny) Johnson of Chadborn, NC; grandchildren, Carla (Kenneth) Summey, Jennifer Johnson, Susan (Donald) Hudspeth, and Katherine Parks (Neil Mueller, Jr.); and ten great-grandchildren. Surviving siblings are Sybil Taylor of Bold Spring, GA, Edith Copeland of Cumming, GA, and sister-in-law Janet Varner of Commerce, GA, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their special thanks to Mr. Varner's caregivers of many years, Bobby Joe Allen and Reatha Mayfield.

Funeral services for Mr. Varner will be at 4:00 PM Saturday, April 30th at the Royston First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mac Enfinger, Rev. Jim Bocian and Rev. Gerald Varner officiating. Burial will follow at the Bold Spring UMC Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 7-9 PM Friday evening. The family is at the home.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the Royston First United Methodist Church or to Bold Spring United Methodist Church.

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

Cemetery Details

Bold Springs Church Cemetery

331 Bold Spring Road
Carnesville, GA 30521

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home
47 Franklin Springs Street
P.O. Box 465
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-7234
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<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

Service

APR **30**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Royston First United Methodist Church
Franklin Springs Street
Royston, GA 30662

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Wayne Varner*



Pruitt Funeral Home - May 04, 2016 at 12:23 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Gordy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Varner*



Sandra Gordy - September 12, 2016 at 01:35 PM

SW

“ *Sara Baty White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Varner*



Sara Baty White - May 01, 2016 at 09:47 AM

SL

“ *Cousin Wayne will be missed by all who knew him. I loved visiting with him at the family reunions each October. Listening to Wayne tell stories reminded me of my father, his cousin, Brantley. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughters and the rest of his family and friends.*
Blessings, Sondra Carson Lange

Sondra Lange - April 30, 2016 at 11:40 AM

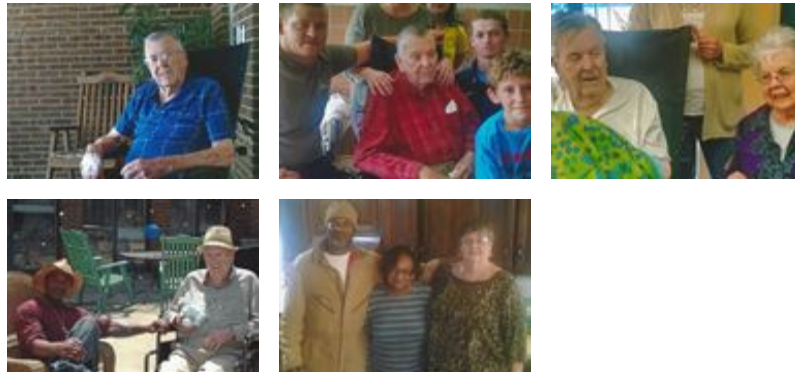
MK

“ *I grew up in Royston and graduated with Wayne's daughter, Connie in the last class of Royston High in 1964 and knew him for many years along with Dot and Carolyn. Wayne was one of the nicest people I have ever known and he was a great family man and very highly thought of by everyone who knew him. I am so very sad to find out that he has passed away. My deepest condolences go out to Connie , Carolyn and all their families.*

Mac king - April 28, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *49 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - April 28, 2016 at 04:35 PM

MJ

“ Wayne and Dot were great examples of loving, caring people. Ben regarded them as additional parents after living with them Carolyn and Conne while finishing his senior year at Royston High School.

Mary Ann Jordan - April 28, 2016 at 04:15 PM

SG

“ Suzanne Greenway Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Varner



Suzanne Greenway Gillespie - April 28, 2016 at 02:21 PM

VM

“ Mr Varner was a wonderful and kind gentleman, always had a smile on his face. Everyone who knew him loved him. He is in Heaven with Dot and they are rejoicing. He will surely be missed. Charles and Vivian Martin.

Vivian Martin - April 28, 2016 at 12:35 PM

JS

My deepest sympathy goes out to Carolyn, Connie and family in the death of Mr. Wayne. He was such a wonderful man. I can remember my parents always relied on him to do their taxes each year. I enjoyed stopping in his office to see him and Mrs. Dot when I was growing up. My dad kept his insurance with Mr. Wayne also. May the Good Lord give you strength as you go through the coming days.

James M. Strickland (Little Kutz)
Sylvania, Georgia

James Strickland - April 29, 2016 at 11:24 AM

JA

*Connie,
Mr. Wayne and Ms. Dot were beautiful loving parents. I certainly did
enjoy visiting and listening to Mr. Wayne's stories when he was at your
house. Love and prayers to all the family.
Joy Allen*

joy allen - May 01, 2016 at 08:30 PM

SG

*My deepest condolences to my former college suite mate Connie. I
have fond remembrances of your parents. Love you!*

Sandra Gordy - September 12, 2016 at 01:34 PM