



John Gowens

June 17, 1922 - September 22, 2013

John Calvin Gowens, 91, a native of Piedmont, AL, died on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Alexandria Place in Dallas, NC. He was born June 17, 1922 to the late Hattie Bell Kelley Gowens and Ebb Lee Gowens of Piedmont. John, known as "JC," retired from United Spinners of Lowell, NC.

He is survived by his son, John W. Gowens of Tucson, AZ; four daughters, Linda G. Heffner of Mt. Holly, Joan G. Brown and husband Boyce of Lewisville, Janice Lee G. Connor of Charlotte, and step-daughter, Betty Jean Riley and husband Reid of Pine Bluff, AK; sister, Esther Smith and husband Clayton of Calhoun, GA; four granddaughters, Sheri Heffner of Mt. Holly, Bonnie H. Winkler and husband Gary of Mt. Holly, Jennifer Brown of Wake Forest, Abbey Lee of Gastonia, and Summer Rain Conner of Gastonia; grandson, Bryan Brown and wife Beth of Rolesville; great-granddaughters, Danielle Johnson and fiancée James Smith of Stanley, Sarah Brown of Rolesville, and Brooke Lee of Gastonia; great-grandsons, James Paxton of Mt. Holly, Tristin Winkler of Mt. Holly, and Sky Conner of Gastonia; great-great-grandson, Izaiah Clubb of Belmont; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Gowens was preceded in death by wives, Sadie Lois Roye Gowens and Betty Dover Gowens; daughter, Charlotte Diane Gowens; five brothers, Herman, Dewey, Ellis, Thurman, and Rayford Gowens, and a sister, Rachel G. Nicholson.

There will be a graveside service held in Calhoun, GA at 1:00 PM, Thursday, September 26, 2013, with Pastor Keith Reid officiating. The body will lie in

state at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home from noon until 1:00 PM. Burial will follow at Chandler City Cemetery in Calhoun, GA.

Memorials may be made to American Red Cross 2425 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28203.

Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, a legacy of compassion and care, is in charge of funeral arrangements for John Calvin Gowens, 91 of Piedmont, AL.

Tribute Wall



“ Linda , Sorry about your Dad. THIS IS YOUR LOSS AND HEAVENS GAIN . YOU WILL SEE HIM AGAIN. LOVE YOU PHYLLIS HALL

September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ John was such a sweet and thoughtful person and we grew to love him as time went on. We are really going to miss him, and his smiling face. I know that he is at rest in the arms of Jesus. May God give his family comfort in their time of sorrow.

Sadie Evans - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very thankful to have known John. Although I only knew him for a few months, he was like family to me. I will always remember his big smile. I always enjoyed seeing him and talking with him every time I came to visit my dad. He became a part of our family and I will miss him so much. I will never forget him and his gentle nature. I will think of him always. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May God give you comfort and peace in your time of sorrow.

Lesa Johnson - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss John so much. I will miss just watching TV and talking with him. He was a good friend to me and a great person to know.

Edward Evans - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM