



Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.

December 22, 1931 - November 19, 2018

Psalm 116:15-Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants.

Appling, Ga. – Griffin Buchanan Pollard, Jr., 86, husband of 67 years of Helen Johnson Pollard, entered into rest on Monday, November 19, 2018, at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Augusta, Ga.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Kiokee Baptist Church with the Reverend Steve Hartman officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

When introduced he always said, “Just Call Me, Jake.” He was the most comfortable person in his own skin of anyone I’ve ever known. He never needed any other title to make him happy. He had an amazingly sharp mind and quick wit. He was completely real and honest. He said, his Dad told him, “Always tell the truth and you won’t have to try to remember what you’ve said.” He had respect for all people and believed in helping anyone he could. He never held grudges. He didn’t live in the past or with regrets because he always tried to do what’s right to the best of his ability. He was as happy digging postholes as he was talking to Governors.

He loved his God, his family, Kiokee Church and Appling. He loved his friends and was not ashamed to tell them, men or women, that he loved them. He could ride a horse like a western hero. He could drive a car (and when young, often did) like an Indy racecar driver. He was intensely goal-oriented and completely loyal to his beliefs. He was a consummate handyman and a poster child workaholic. He loved being with people and people were comfortable with him. He spent his life serving others.

He served Kiokee Baptist Church over 40 years as Chairman of Deacons and Sunday School teacher. He served Columbia County 28 years as Superior Court Clerk. He served the 24th District as State Senator for 8 years. He served the State for 3 years on the State Ethics Commission. He served his country for 4 years in the United States Air Force and was a Korean War Veteran. He also served in many civic clubs, including Boy Scouts, State President and National Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and District Governor of Rotary International.

Through it all, he served God and his family.

Living by the standards of his Christ whom he loved.

Survivors include his wife, Helen J. Pollard; two sons, Griffin B. "Jake" Pollard, III (Melanie Bass) and Keith Allen Pollard; and one grandson, Ben Buchanan Pollard.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Mildred Blanchard and June Crawford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kiokee Baptist Church, PO Box 430, Appling, GA 30802 or to the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, 1101 15th St. Augusta, GA 30901.

Special thanks to the staff and caregivers on the fifth floor of Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home.

Pallbearers will be Pierce Blanchard, Robert Pollard, L.A. Pollard, Daniel Blanton, Richard Crawford and Eddie Brown. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kiokee Deacons, Senator Lee Anderson and Chuck Thompson.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall.

Cemetery

Kiokee Baptist Church Cemetery

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Comments



“ Doris Stone Finley lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



doris stone finley - February 26 at 12:18 PM



“ I was very sad to hear of Jake Jr's passing; my daughters and I just found out yesterday, the 25 th of Feb. Jake Jr was a person I always admired and looked up to. I used to go to him, his mother, and sister, Mildred who I called Mama Blanchard, for advice when I was a young woman living in Appling. I dearly loved all of them very much. Helen, Jakie, and Keith , know that y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Doris Finley

doris stone finley - February 26 at 12:30 PM



“ Amie Finley Powers lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Amie Finley Powers - February 25 at 11:05 PM



“ We are so sorry to just now learn of Jake Jr's passing. He was a kind, compassionate, gentleman and a true servant of our Lord and Savior. What an example he set and his legacy will live on in our hearts. Please know we will be praying for God's love and peace for all of you.

Amie - February 26 at 01:58 PM



“ Thoughts & prayers are with your family during this time. Mr. Jake was a friend to us all, and meant a lot to us when he served as our Senator. Thanks for sharing him with us.

Paul C. Reviere - November 23, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ Bonnie . purchased a sympathy card for the family of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr..

Bonnie . - November 22, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ Diane Holden lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Diane Holden - November 21, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Jake and Helen have been part of our “extended family” since the beginning. Jake was a great citizen and friend to all he met. Our sincere prayers go out to his wife and children.
Diane Eubank Holden

Diane Holden - November 21, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Patti Pursley lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Patti Pursley - November 21, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ Lynn Poythress lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Lynn Poythress - November 21, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ Even though Mr. Jake has been sick for several years I was sadden to hear of his passing. He was a friend whom i've known most of my adult life and one I looked up to and went to for advice and cancel. Senator Pollard was always willing to help Lincoln County in any area he could to help the lives of those he serverd with respect and dignity. I have missed stopping by his house for little chats and even now when I pass by I always look and think of those good ole days. Mrs. Helen and all the Pollard family Carol joins me in expressing our sympathy to you and our prayers will be that God will be with you now and the days ahead. Walker T. Norman

Walker T. Norman - November 20, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Elaine Matthews lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Elaine Matthews - November 20, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ Mr. Jake Pollard is an unforgettable man, a true gentleman in every sense of the word; a patriot, public servant, man of great integrity and intelligence who always kept his word of honor. We will miss this great man who served the people of this County and State.

Elaine James Matthews
Grovetown

Elaine Matthews - November 20, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ Mrs Helen and Family there is no enough space to write what a great man and family friend "Jackie Boy" was to the Connor family. There is so many fun stories that will always be great memories to us. He even gave us our nicknames which we still use today. He was a true and caring friend to our family. Heaven has now gained a great and godly man. We send you and the family our sympathy and prayers.

George "Tumpy" "ToeJoe" Connor
Connie "Connie Lee" Hill
Gloria "Cootsie" Crosby

Gloria Crosby - November 21, 2018 at 05:31 AM



“ Ricky Loneragan lit a candle in memory of Griffin Buchanan Pollard Jr.



Ricky Loneragan - November 20, 2018 at 06:47 AM