



## Larry Eldon Gowens, Sr.

June 6, 1935 - January 24, 2017

Services for Larry Eldon Gowens, Sr., 81, of Piedmont will be Friday, January 27, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Moye, Mr. Gary McCurdy, and Mr. Joey Spivey officiating. The family will receive friends Friday from 3:00 P.M. until time for service. Mr. Gowens passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jane Sanford Gowens; children, Melinda Pody (Mike), Rhonda Kirkpatrick (Gerald), and Eldon Gowens (Meredith); grandchildren, Andy Pody (Cassie), Samuel Love, Maggie Love, Brett Kirkpatrick, Brooke Ragsdale (Barrett), Anna Grace Gowens, and Griffin Gowens; great grandchildren, Rhett Pody, Caroline Pody, Cade Kirkpatrick, Reece Kirkpatrick, Chase Kirkpatrick, Lanie Ragsdale, and Livie Ragsdale; sister-in-law, Iona Gowens; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Gowens was born June 06, 1935 in Piedmont, Alabama, where he was a lifelong resident. He retired from General Electric after 38 years of service. He served as a member and chairman of the Piedmont City School Board, Piedmont Housing Authority Board, and as a member of the Piedmont Recreational Board, Jaycees and Piedmont Athletic Club. He served as "Chief Cook" of the Booster Club. He was a 50 year member of Free and Accepted Masons, Lozahatchee Lodge No. 97 F&AM. He was enshrined into Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame in 2016 and was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Hoyt Gowens; mother, Ophelia Gowens; and brother, Freeman Gowens. In lieu of flowers,

the family request that memorial contributions be made to Piedmont Education Trust, P.O Box 819 Piedmont, AL 36272, First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Piedmont, AL 36272 or a favorite charity. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Alacare Home Health for their loving care and to Piedmont Rescue Squad.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family ,We are so sorry to the loss of your love one and my God Bless You . He will be missed, but he is in a better place now and at peace.

Eddie & Sandr MURRAY - June 20, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal.May God bless and comfort you at this difficult time. Matthew 5:4

Ray & Jane Ann Lenderman - June 20, 2018 at 03:36 PM

NP

“ Jane, we are sorry to hear of Larry's passing.We will remember him as a friendly, caring individual who always greeted friends with a smile and handshake. May the good Lord be with you and the family during your hours of bereavement.

Norman Parker - June 20, 2018 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing.Love to all of you.

Joyce A Blair Horne - June 20, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ I know these are rough times and I want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. Prudence

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“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

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January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that God will grant you the strength needed to get through this moment in your life. Our most sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerome and Donna Wilson*

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January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM