



# Jeptha Reuben Murray

March 20, 1924 - June 23, 2020

Jeptha Reuben Murray, 96, of Decatur, Georgia passed away on June 23, 2020 after a heart attack. He was called J.R. or Jep by family and friends. J.R. was born on March 20, 1924 to Sara Caroline (Good) and Henry Bascomb Murray in Berryton, Georgia. After graduating from Lafayette (GA) High School in 1941, he served in the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946 as an airplane engine mechanic and was honorably discharged. As a Corporal, he was awarded the American Theater Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal. He went on to study Animal Husbandry at Auburn University.

After graduation, he began his career with Ford Tractor Division performing field trials of Ford tractors, moving on to Minneapolis Moline, and Goodyear Tire as Regional Service Supervisor.

In 1950, he met Vicie Sheppard, and they wed in 1952, going on to have 3 children, Donald Edwin, Karen, and John Scot.

After retiring in 1981, J.R. spent his time with travel, family, and friends. He helped many to build and expand their homes. He was caretaker for sister Irene, and friend Dorothy Bryan. He loved every Fitts, Huntington, Kornfeld, and Kennedy. Thank You to all that touched his journey.

J.R. was preceded in death by his parents, Sara and Henry Murray; wife, Vicie K. Sheppard Murray; sisters, Irene and Lorene; and brother, Paul. J.R. is survived by all of his children, Donald, Karen Murray Craig (Myles), and John Scot; grandchildren, Alyssa C. Craig and Joshua M. Craig; and great-grandchild, Mason Craig.

Memorial service will be in the form of a zoom (video conference). Date and time of Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

# Cemetery

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## Melwood Cemetery

Tucker, GA,

# Comments

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“ Deepest, sincerest condolences to Jep's family & friends; & especially to Don, Karen, & Scot. You were the light of his life. After your mom's death, he stayed so involved in your activities. My daughter, Colleen(Collie), shares your sadness & good memories from Australia. She & Karen were the same age. All of us involved in the Girl, Boy, & Explorer Scout combination have such wonderful memories. When I called other parents to help out with the next hiking/camping/canoeing event, we could always count on Jep. He enjoyed immensely seeing that everyone had fun learning new skills, & getting back safely. His involvement influenced the lives of so many. How wonderful that he enjoyed his last Father's Day. Peace.

Helen B. Ogren - 10 hours ago

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“ Richard and I are JR's neighbors and so enjoyed knowing him. He had a sunny personality and we loved hearing his stories about the neighborhood. I didn't know he was an Auburn man but am happy to learn. I know JR lived well and will be very missed. May God bless his soul. Susan and Richard Kenny

susan kenny - June 28 at 11:27 AM

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“ Don, Karen and Scot - you all know that your sweet Dad was a very special person in my life and that of Leon as well. Because you were blessed to have him with you for such a long time, your emptiness will seem greater. All of you have always been such a loving family and I have admired and commented about that many times. It has been a blessing to watch you loving and caring for your Dad, and for each other. My prayer is that you will each have peace in your heart in the huge absence you feel. Please know that if I can do anything for you I'll be happy to, although I'm somewhat limited in my abilities nowadays. God bless all of you.  
Barbara Lundy

Barbara Lundy - June 25 at 06:53 PM

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“ From forever friends, the Fisher family.

J.R. & Vicie double dated with my parents, Dick and Dorothy Fisher in the 1950's at Alabama Polytechnic (now Auburn University). J.R. and dad were roommates at university and loved to take J.R.'s car out, riding for hours with the loves of their lives, Vicie & Dot. Over a span of more than 70 years the Murray and Fisher families have remained friends, meeting up all over the United States for good food, laughter and stories of old friends and loved family members.

Scot, Don, Karen an Family, our hearts go out to You all as we remember what a lovely dad, granddad, great granddad and friend J.R. was.

Heaven has a true gentleman and a new angel in its midst.

Prayers being sent your way.

Dorothy, Pat, Peggy, Pete & Sue, Pam & Bill, Parrish & Beth

**Pat Fisher** - June 25 at 01:40 PM



“ I'm so thankful to Scot for reaching out to let me know that JR passed. The Murrays were a big part of my childhood and youth. JR was a kind, honest, hardworking and loving man. My heart goes out to Don, Karen, Scot, and their families and friends. Rest In Peace

**Nancy Topping** - June 25 at 08:05 PM