



Roy Gwen Dawkins

March 15, 2020

Roy Gwen Dawkins, 93, passed away peacefully at the home of his daughter, Laura Roadcap, on March 15, 2020. He was born May 19, 1926, in Vinegar Bend, Ala., to Royal Francis Dawkins and Tomie Rivers Bryant. It was said that Roy's father was so overjoyed to have a baby boy after having 3 daughters that he threw his hat down and stomped it flat! Roy lived in Mobile, Ala., and Meridian, Miss., as well as other stations along the Alabama/Mississippi border while his father was employed by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. The family moved to Atlanta when Roy was 11 and he spent summers in Turnerville, Ga., where his father's family lived. In 1944 he graduated from Tech High where he met his best friend Russell Linenkohl.

Roy served as Radioman in the Navy from 1944-1946 and afterwards was active in the Naval Reserve and the American Legion for several years. Roy graduated from the University of Georgia Evening College, where he met the love of his life and future wife, Bobbie Oglesby. He worked towards a master's degree in Public Administration in his later years. In his 33-year career at Fulton County Health Department, Roy became Director of Vital Statistics and retired as Fulton County Registrar of Vital Records in 1981. He and Bobbie raised four children in the Buckhead area of Atlanta and were longtime members of Peachtree Christian Church.

Roy enjoyed a lifelong passion of trains including riding, collecting, and modeling. He loved Westerns and WWII classic movies, weekend garage sales, and Hickory House BBQ... "outside pork, sliced, dry, sauce on the side." Roy was a kind man with a delightful sense of humor, a good listener, and a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

Roy Dawkins is preceded in death by his wife, Claire Elizabeth (Bobbie) Oglesby, his parents, and sisters Frances Dickey, Armalie Garner, and Venie Roberts. He is survived by his son and three daughters: Royal Francis "Pete" Dawkins (Sherry) of Dunwoody, Ga.; Tomie Dugas (Ray) of Auburn, Ala.; Laura Roadcap (Jack) of Flowery Branch, Ga.; Anne Vanderleest (Dirk) of Concord, N.C. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Celebration of life and interment services will be announced at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the Friends of the Dunwoody Library, the Salvation Army, or a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Martha and I are sorry for your loss. Both of your parents were wonderful friends, and we enjoyed getting to know them through the choir and other church events. Martha particularly enjoys telling the story of why Royal Francis Dawkins is called "Pete".

Martha and Paul Vickers - April 04 at 03:08 PM



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“ Roy was a such a fine gentleman and a special friend through the Friends of Dunwoody Library. He and Bobbie will both be remembered and missed by all of us.

Sunny Jeffries

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“ He's been my Dad, my best friend and has always had my back. He and my Mom instilled the concept that family comes first. My sisters and I live that way based not on them talking the talk but rather walking it showing us the way.

These past 10 years or so, helping to care for my mom and dad, although sometimes challenging, have been the most rewarding years of my life. Can't say enough about our care-givers, too many to mention, except Dorothy Sharpe who is more family

than care-giver. My sister Laura and her husband Jack took my Dad into their home and gave him the loving environment he had always enjoyed, they are saints.

He served his family, his Lord and his country. He was a good and faithful servant.

Pete Dawkins - March 29 at 12:00 AM