



## Howell Burton Titshaw

September 19, 1924 - December 11, 2020

Howell Burton Titshaw of Suwanee, GA passed away on December 11, 2020 at the age of 96.

A lifelong resident of Gwinnett County, Howell was born on September 19, 1924 to Delbert and Winnie Henry Titshaw. He attended the Buford schools and received a welding certificate from Habersham College. At the beginning of World War II, he worked in the Mobile, AL shipyards until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 where he “fought in 5 major battles and a beach head landing before turning 21 years old,” as he liked to tell his grandchildren. He marched across France with General Patton’s army and witnessed the General’s famous “incident” on the Rhine River in March, 1945. He helped liberate Dachau concentration camp, freeing more than 30,000 Jews and political prisoners. After WWII, he served in the Panama Canal Zone.

After his military service, he was among the first employees to be hired at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Doraville, where he worked for 31 years. On June 17, 1949, he married the love of his life, the former Wilma Compton. He served his Lord and Savior as a deacon, Sunday School teacher and greeter at Suwanee First Baptist and later at Shadowbrook Baptist Church. He was an avid deer hunter. He could repair “almost” anything.

Howell was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Royce Titshaw. In

addition to his wife of 71 years, Wilma, he is survived by his children, Wanda and Bill Maddox of Carrollton, John and Janis Titshaw of Cumming and Mark Titshaw and Tracy Cook of Buford; grandchildren Meredith Maddox of Atlanta, David and Sarah Titshaw of Watkinsville, Elizabeth and Kevin Johnson of Bremen, Drew and Brittany Maddox of Carrollton, Jonathan and Ashley Titshaw of Florence, SC, Ben Titshaw of Athens and Addison Cook of Buford; great-grandchildren Luke and Emma Johnson, Sam, Hannah and Eli Titshaw and Brooklyn and Gehrig Maddox; sister Marilyn and Fray Ned Hill of Nicholson and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Frank and Brenda Compton and Jimmie and Charles Bell, all of Buford and Bonnie Taylor of Houston, TX; many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to acknowledge Brookdale Buford for providing compassionate care to Howell during the last months of his life. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Linkous officiating.

A graveside service with military honors will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens with Pastor Jerrod Rumley officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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DEC **14** (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Howell Burton Titshaw*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *It was a privilege to get to know Mr. Titshaw over the last several years. A truly honorable man and an excellent story teller. My Dad had the honor of serving with him in the 504th MP BN during WWII. My son and I are forever grateful to Mr. Hal for sharing his WWII stories with us and thank him for his service. My sympathies to all of his wonderful family who I know miss him and cherished their time with him. Wishing eternal blessings in heaven . Sincerely, Rod Stearns*

**Rod Stearns** - January 13, 2021 at 05:12 PM



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**Mary Deaton** - December 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM



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**Mary E Deaton** - December 13, 2020 at 04:13 PM

MW

“ I had the privilege of teaching a Shadowbrook Sunday School class in which the Titshaw's were members. What a godly, loving couple. Howell is alive and celebrating in heaven. My prayers are with Wilma and the Titshaw family. May the love of Jesus comfort you.  
Marty Williamson

Marty Williamson - December 12, 2020 at 07:58 PM

VF

We have fond memories of Howell in our Bible class at Shadowbrook Church, and count ourselves blessed to have known him, if only for a short while. He was truly a Godly man and a shining example of our Greatest Generation. Wilma and family, you have our sympathies and prayers that you'll be able to gather and hug one another soon. Much love, Tom and Vera Forkner

Vera Forkner - December 15, 2020 at 08:19 PM

GH

“ I remember when he worked at The Bank of Gwinnett .... always a Gentleman and a great worker and helper at all!! Heaven gained an Angel!!!

Gayle Harrison - December 12, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KF

“ Mr. Howell will always be the Williams' family's soldier. Miles always called him that. Mr. Howell would just smile & smile. We will miss his earthly presence but we will carry his stories with us always. We love each of you & will keep you in our prayers.

Karen Williams & family - December 12, 2020 at 09:41 AM