



Lionel "Lee" Gene Varner

October 24, 2018

Lionel "Lee" Gene Varner passed away peacefully on October 24, 2018 at Benton House in Sugar Hill, GA, formerly of Buford, GA. Lee was born in Grandview, Indiana on June 18, 1931, to Herman and Ivy Varner. Shortly after graduating from high school, he was recruited to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals' farm team, the Chickasaw Chicks, in Memphis, Tennessee. A series of injuries cut his major league baseball career short. Undeterred, Lee enrolled in Memphis State University's accounting program, and upon graduation, began his career in finance by working in the accounting departments of several major corporations. Upon meeting his future wife, Gloria Anderson, in the mid 1960's he relocated to Atlanta. Over the years he held a variety of positions including chief financial officer and comptroller. He completed his career as the comptroller for Heely-Brown, where he retired with more than a decade of service. He and Gloria were longtime active members of the Sugar Hill United Methodist Church, the Keenagers, and charter members of the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Lee is survived by Gloria, his wife of fifty-three years, his two sons, Christopher "Chip" and wife Theresa of Reno, Nevada, and Charles "Chuck" of Ocean City, New Jersey, and his brother Jay Varner of Batesville, Indiana. No memorial services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are requested to make a donation in Lee's name to their favorite charity. The body will be cremated by Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lionel "Lee" Gene Varner*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mr. Varner. May the God of all comfort help you to bear the burden of your grief at this difficult time. (1 Corinthians 1:3, 4; Psalm 55:22) Warm Regards, Kay*

Kay Banks - November 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gloria and family. So very sorry for your loss. Lee was one of a kind and I treasure many memories of the good times we shared over the years! My heart and prayers are with you. Love, Ron*

Ron ONeal - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to the Varner family*

Spencer Snedecor - October 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gloria, so sorry to read of Lee's passing. We often think of the good old days and the 1819 Peachtree gang. Our thoughts are with you and the family. Steve and Shari*

Steve Naman - October 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM