



Walter Dorsey Stancil

December 8, 2016

Walter Dorsey Stancil, 69, a lifelong resident the Buford area, died December 8 after a courageous battle with cancer and unexpected complications from chemotherapy. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean Ramey Stancil; children, Alida (Tom) Knuth, Emily (Brenden) Love and Andy (Jennifer) Stancil; grandchildren, Madison Hinckley, Kyle Knuth, Brian Knuth, Kevin Knuth, Claire Knuth, Morgan Love, Davis Stancil and Samuel Stancil; a brother, Wayne (Clara) Stancel; brothers-in-law, Bill Ramey and Lavon Hair; nephews and nieces, Eli (Stephanie) Stancel, Elly Stancel, Bonnie (Travis) Duncan, Kay (David) Mauldin, Jody Hair and Mike Hair. Also surviving are close personal friends, Randall and Barbara Mahaffey.

Dorsey was born October 10, 1947, in Buford, Georgia, to Samuel W. Stancel and Omie Lee Puckett Stancel. He was a 1965 graduate and STAR Student of Buford High School and a 1969 graduate of Piedmont College with a degree in History and Chemistry. He taught school in Buford for two years before he began work with the Gwinnett County Water System where he worked for twenty seven years as an operator, chemist, technical supervisor and superintendent. After retirement from Gwinnett County, he became Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Buford, a position he held for 18 years until his death.

Dorsey was a master storyteller with an encyclopedic knowledge of history and an avid interest in genealogy. He was a member and past president of the Gwinnett Historical Society and was author of *Vanishing Gwinnett* and *Vanishing Gwinnett, Volume II*. Descended from founders of our country and a number of Revolutionary and Confederate veterans, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), General Society of the War of 1812, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Children of the American Revolution (CAR), Sons of the American Legion, and Scottish heritage societies, where he served in leadership roles.

Dorsey was a member of Duncan Creek Congregational Church, then St. Edward Episcopal Church, and finally Sts. Mary and Martha of Bethany Episcopal Church. He sang in the choirs of these churches and served as a Sunday School teacher, vestryman, senior warden, and lay reader.

He will be remembered by friends and family for his generous spirit and the sense of fun

that he brought to every endeavor. He was extraordinarily kind to all those who crossed his path, and well known for his hugs, which he dispensed freely if he thought there was any chance he knew you.

Dorsey's family will receive visitors on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at Sts. Mary and Martha of Bethany Episcopal Church, 4346 Ridge Road, Buford, Georgia 30519. Dorsey's life and work testified to his devotion to service to the poor and less fortunate, so in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, 2050-C Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341; the building fund at St. Mary & St. Martha of Bethany Episcopal Church, 4346 Ridge Road, Buford, GA 30519; or any other charity whose mission is bringing aid, comfort, and compassion to God's creatures.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at www.flaniganfuneralhome.com. Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Dorsey Stancil*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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Alison Robey - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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“ *i miss mr.stancil very much.he was good to me.*

vince harper - May 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *The Housing Authority of Hazlehurst Georgia sends our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Stancil. Please know you are in our prayers during this difficult time. God Bless!*

Shannon Kight - December 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *I'm so saddened to hear this. I worked at the Lanier Museum when he was at the Water plant. We used to do school tours together. He'd do the treatment plant and I would do the museum and the Bowman-Pirkle House, then switch. He was so witty and kind. Made doing the tours so much fun. He'd say when the busses came that they were yellow bombs that exploded with kids. He was such a sweetheart. My heart goes out to his family. Carla Rapp*

Carla Rapp - December 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Sending our love and sympathy to the Stancil family. Buford has lost a sweet soul and a proud Buford historian. Rest in peace Dorsey.*

Steve and Jill Colsson - December 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

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ML

“ Dorsey worked for many years at the water plant with my stepfather, Harold Kerkhoff. Hal was very, very fond of Dorsey and spoke very highly of him. Dorsey was always kind to me and I remember him as always having a smile on his face. I am very sorry for your loss.

Melanie Metcalf Lovell - December 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My dearest Jean and family,
My soul is weeping as I learn of Dorsey's passing. So many fond memories of our time spent together. We have a very short list of friends, and we have always kept your family near the top. The world is a better place for having had Dorsey in it. All our love and sympathy,
Lindsay & Virginia

Lindsay & Virginia Baker - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the death of Dorsey. What a wonderful man who brought laughter, knowledge and personal commitment to all who knew him. God bless you all. Rick Whitworth, Executive Director. Lavonia Housing Authority

Lavonia Housing Authority - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dorsey. He was always so very nice. sorry for lost, RIP

Sheila Griffin - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Buford, Gwinnett County and the State of Georgia have lost a tremendous historical resource. No one else that I know was as knowledgeable as Dorsey about local history and genealogy. He was always willing to share his knowledge. I remember him on a rainy winter day personally showing me the grave site of my 3rd great grandfather in the Old Hog Mountain Church Cemetery. I would never known of this without his assistance. He was a very special person in a number of ways.

Grant Hayes - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dorsey was such a gentle giant of a man. We send our deepest sympathy to all of his family. Our church and this community has lost a great person who always put others before himself.*

Tom & Shirley Mustard - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Dear Family, Dorsey will greatly be missed. He has always been a Wonderful, Kind, Caring Friend to me. My Deepest Condolences to All*

Vicki Moulder - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family, friends and staff of the Buford Housing Authority in the loss of Mr. Stancil. God bless you all and give you the extra strength you need during these dark hours.*

*Sincerely,
Jonnie W. Mabe, ex. director and staff of
Norcross Housing Authority.*

Jonnie-NHAuthority-Norcross - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Our prayers and thoughts goes out to the family.
Howell & Ellie*

Howell & Ellie Mauldin - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Our heart goes out to the Stancil family may God bless you all at this time of grieving! God has just received another Angel!*

Christy Elaine Cochran - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *I am so sad!! Dorsey was a great college friend!! His smile was wonderful!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Frankie Brewer Wallace - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ So very sorry to learn of Dorsey's passing. We knew him from our days at Piedmont college. He was a great guy and was a friend to so many. We will be praying for your family during this difficult time.

David & Betty Jean Boyd Jala - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was very saddened to hear of Dorsey's passing. He was a great person and loved his family dearly. We went to Buford High School together and he was always so nice and smiling! He especially gave so much to the community! I will miss his smiling face!! Sincerely, Marjorie Hutchins Stogner

Marjorie H. Stogner - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jean and family. My heart breaks over your loss and my dear friend Dorsey. He was such a giant of a man with a heart as big as the world. Love and Prayers.

Sybil Shaw - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I am crying. God bless you all.

Pat Bratton - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ On behalf of the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment, my heartfelt condolences go out to the Stancil family. Words may not begin to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel for the passing of your loved one and our colleague. May God's blessings bring you peace during this painful time of loss.

Russell Nast President - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Marie I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are for you and the extended family. He always had a hug and smile each time I saw him. He will be missed and was a very good man, but his celebration with Jesus and family already up there awaiting him is a great Christmas present. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you now and in the days to come.

Delores Gaddis - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Jean,
So sorry to hear about Dorsey. Praying for all of you and will see you on Sunday.
Love you.
Joy

Joy Peevy - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dorsey was an absolute pleasure to be around. I'm certainly glad to have been able to meet him through the Housing Authority and I will surely miss him.

Seth Blackstock - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Deep condolences to the family. God blessed you all.

Chester / Yoland Chen - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We hope your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

The Davis and Byers Family - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Jean, All our prayers and love are with you at this time. May God comfort so very much. I know Dorsey will be missed by everyone. From our hearts, Trenton & Connie

Trenton, Connie Swanson - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Dorsey was a wonderful, funny man. He will be truly missed.

Sam and Diane Warbington - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM