



Edmund Joseph Fahl

September 13, 1917 - November 21, 2008

Mr. Edmund Fahl, age 91, passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2008. Celebration of Life services will be held at St. George Catholic Church, Roscoe Rd. Newnan, Ga. on Tuesday, Nov. 25th, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Newnan, Ga.

The family will receive friends at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson, St. Newnan, Ga. Monday Nov. 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Fahl was preceded in death by his parents Edmund and Anna Fahl and brothers William and James Fahl.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth Fahl; son Edmund Fahl III, daughters Lisel Perselay, Brigitte Gregg and Gretchen Alexander; grandchildren Robert Nix IV, Stephanie Alexander, Kelsley Perselay, Ashley Perselay, great-granddaughter Ryleigh Marie Nix and sisters Theresa Baldwin and Mary Faldermeyer.

Mr. Fahl was born in Binghamton, N.Y. in 1917. He received a degree in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and participated in the invasion of seven islands in the South Pacific. He rose to the rank of full Lieutenant and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal with three battle stars.

Mr. Fahl was a quiet, humble, unassuming man so it was only recently that he admitted publicly what few people knew: namely, that he and his ship the USS

Virgo inspired author Tom Heggen, Ed's shipmate, to write the book "Mr. Roberts" which also became a stage play and a movie. Ed Fahl was the original Mr. Roberts and he really did throw the Captain's palm tree over the side.

After the war, Mr. Fahl's career took him to Clover, S.C. He met and married his wife Ruth in 1950. They moved to Atlanta and then to Newnan in 1971. Mr. Fahl was a member of St. George Catholic Church and a member of the Dixie Football Assoc.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

KI

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to my Aunt and my cousins at this difficult time. Remember the good times and look to each other for support. May God be with you and watch over you. Kathy

Kathy Fahl Ingham - November 23, 2008 at 08:38 PM

TB

“ Dear Brigitte & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in the passing of your father. May his memory live on in your hearts and may God hold you in the palm of his hand. In His love, Randi & Tom Brooks

Tom & Randi Brooks - November 23, 2008 at 08:37 PM

JF

“ Dear Ruth, Edmund and girls. I am so sorry to learn of Ed's passing. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you have comfort in knowing that he had such a long and happy life. I was so happy to see the item about Mr. Roberts. I have often spoken to my friends about it and I don't think they believed me I used to have the book but with all our moves over the years I have lost it. Again, my sympathies. I'm sure he is with his brothers My love to you all, Jane

Jane Fahl - November 23, 2008 at 07:52 PM

TW

“ Ruth, I will always love you and Ed for taking care of Connie and for being such good friends to her and to me. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. We had so many good times. God bless.

Terry Wyche - November 22, 2008 at 08:35 PM