



Gavin William Laurie, Jr.

March 26, 1931 - January 14, 2024

We are sad to announce the death of Gavin W. Laurie, Jr., of Franklin, GA.

Mr. Laurie was born and raised in Springfield, PA. He became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and then from Southern Methodist University where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After graduation, he became a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

After military service, he worked in Chicago for an engineering firm. There he met and married Carolyn Emery Jones. They soon moved to Jacksonville, FL, and had three daughters and a son. They subsequently lost their son at fifteen to a drunk driver.

The City of Jacksonville selected Gavin to become the consultant to oversee the development, construction, and opening of Jacksonville International Airport. The success of this project opened the door to many airport projects in the Southeastern United States. He later became involved in purchasing and developing privately owned water and sewerage systems. These were eventually sold, and the couple moved to Quitman, GA where they bought a farm and enjoyed farm life.

Gavin was very active in Quitman, serving as County Commission Chairman, and Chairman of the Airport Authority where he was instrumental in developing the airport expansion. He served as Chairman of the library board and was very active in the Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School.

He also served as Deacon Chairman numerous times, headed the Outreach Program, and formed a hospital visitation program. He was a member of Nutall Rise Hunting and Fishing Club and in his "spare time," he developed and patented a process for killing mistletoe in pecan trees. He and his wife are now retired residents of Franklin, GA, and members of Macedonia Baptist Church in Newnan.

The graveside service celebrating Gavin's life is Friday, January 19, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Road, in Newnan, with Rev. Matthew Myers officiating.

Gavin is preceded in death by his parents, Gavin and Leila Laurie, and his son, Gavin W. Laurie, III. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Jones Laurie, daughters Annie Laurie Leigh, Bonnie Laurie Sherman (Mike), Lee Laurie Schroeder (Bud), five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Gavin's name to the Childrens Department at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1504 Macedonia Rd., Newnan, GA 30263. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ *God knows how much I miss you Dad! - Lee*

lee schroeder - February 04, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LS

I think about you every day!

lee schroeder - February 04, 2024 at 08:49 PM

LS

I will see you again dad , when I see Jesus face to face. What a wonderful day that will be. I love you.

lee schroeder - February 04, 2024 at 08:54 PM

PR

“ *Thinking of you Carolyn and will pray for comfort and peace. Gavin was a fine man. Love and miss you, Peggy Romine*

peggy Romine - January 20, 2024 at 03:46 PM

TW

“Gavin was a deacon and chairman of the personnel committee at First Baptist Church Quitman where I also served as a deacon. He grew corn on his farm, and I purchased all he grew for the hog farm I managed. We had lots of conversations at the grain silo as I filled up my bulk truck each week. One day Gavin invited me to go to lunch with him. At lunch he asked, “Have you ever thought about getting out of farming and going into ministry?” I hadn’t told anyone except my wife Amy, but it had indeed been very heavy on my heart that the Lord was calling me to vocational ministry. Three months later I was on staff full time at FBCQ! That was 28 years ago!! Thankful for Gavin and how the Lord used him in my life.

Troy Walliser - January 18, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JP

“Jamie, Alyssa, Nick, and Nonnie and Pop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gavin William Laurie, Jr..

Jamie, Alyssa, Nick, and Nonnie and Pop - January 16, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gavin William Laurie, Jr..



January 16, 2024 at 12:20 PM

VP

“ He was a fine man and was especially kind to me. I’m thankful to have been a part of his life while he lived in Brooks County. He certainly left our community better than he found it.

Vann Parrott - January 16, 2024 at 09:21 AM

BM

So sorry to hear this. He was a good man. Thankful for having known him.

Betty Murchison - January 16, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JS

A fine Christian man. Thankful to have known him. Very active in our church and community when living here

John R Stalvey - January 16, 2024 at 02:43 PM

CB

“ Our hearts are breaking for you and your family Carolyn in the loss of your precious husband, Gavin. We are praying for you and sending love and comfort during this most difficult time.
Tommy and Carol Ferrell

Carol Boyin-Ferrell - January 16, 2024 at 07:57 AM

CW

“ We’re praying for Gavin’s family during this difficult time. We’ve missed him at First Baptist Church in Quitman and often think back of how diligently he strived to help win others for Christ through outreach programs. A truly great man who loved the Lord!

Cathy Williford - January 16, 2024 at 07:29 AM

DR

“ *He is one of the sweetest, kindest men I have come to know. I am going to miss our Sunday morning chats at Macedonia Baptist Church. Praying for his sweet family.*

Donna Rainey - January 15, 2024 at 10:24 AM