



## Richard Thomas Bentley

January 22, 1926 - November 28, 2017

Richard Thomas Bentley slipped peacefully into his life eternal on November 28, 2017. The Bentley family had a storied history in Maryland. Richard was one of two children born to the late Richard Thomas Bentley, Sr. and Rhea Margaret Lucas Bentley. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Virginia Bentley Weems and a step-son, Joseph Righton Robertson, III. After it became apparent that there would be a war in Europe, Richard, like many other young men of the day, stretched the truth somewhat about his age to enlist in the Army before his 18th birthday. During the war, he served as a Browning Automatic Rifleman in the 63rd Infantry Division. He saw combat in France, Alsace-Lorraine and Germany. For his efforts, he was awarded three battle stars and a combat infantry badge. After returning from the war, he attended the University of Baltimore on the G.I. Bill and graduated with a degree in Management. For a number of years, he worked for the Small Business Administration in Baltimore, Maryland and then in Washington, D.C. Some of the positions he held were Loan Officer, Deputy Director of Program Analysis, Director of Disaster Operation and Director of Field Review. During the years with SBA, he made his home in Bowie, Maryland. Among the many accomplishments in his life, The earthly journey of Richard Thomas Bentley, Jr. began January 22, 1926 in Baltimore, Maryland. Richard considered his 40-year commitment to and involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous as his proudest achievement. Following his retirement, he made his home in Newnan, GA and later, Peachtree City, GA. Surviving Richard is his wife, Ann

Robertson Bentley of Peachtree City and a son, Chad Taylor Bentley of Crofton, Maryland. Also surviving are step-children Frank H. S. Robertson of Tallahassee, Florida; Stephen Heard Robertson and his wife Sheryl of Keller, Texas; William McPherson Roberts, Sr. and his wife Carrie of Bowie, Maryland; Helen Robertson Rivers and her husband Todd of Newnan, GA. The grandchildren include Shannon Joanne Bentley, Sarah Marie Bentley, Alycia Katharine Robertson, Andrew Miller Robertson, Ean Thomas Robertson, Rebecca Lynn Robertson, William McPherson Robertson, Jr. Amelia Banks Rivers, Ann Seiler Rivers and James Righton Rivers. The memorial service for Mr. Bentley will be on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM at St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church in Peachtree City Georgia to be led by Reverend Michael Billingsley. Those who may wish to memorialize Richard's life may do so by donations to Quilts of Valor Foundation P.O. Box 114 Moreland, GA 30259 or The Fayette Humane Society P.O. Box 244 Fayetteville, GA 30214. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church  
316 N. Peachtree Parkway  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May God bless you in your time of sorrow.*

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**nkr~John 11:25** - December 01, 2017 at 12:06 PM

MS

“ *I will be praying for your family and your sweet mother during this time of loss.*

*Melissa Sheffield and Family*

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**Melissa Sheffield** - November 30, 2017 at 04:42 PM

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“ *You are in our hearts and prayers! Please know your Landmark family loves you and is here to support you during this times of loss. Landmark Christian School faculty and staff*

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**Kathy Haney** - November 30, 2017 at 03:20 PM

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*We are thankful for the life of service of Mr. Bentley and the legacy he leaves. Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you.*

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**Paula Dobbs** - November 30, 2017 at 03:56 PM