



Robert Henly Machen

August 18, 1925 - July 16, 2022

Robert Henly Machen Sr., 96, was joyfully greeted by a host of relatives upon entering the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in heaven on July 16, 2022. He was preceded in death by his first wife, brother and three sisters.

He was born in Greenville, SC, on August 18, 1925, to Christian parents, Tierce Riley Machen and Nancy Felicia Callahan. Growing up during the depression, Bob learned the value of hard work and responsibility early. He spent his summers working on his aunt and uncle's farm but still found time to earn his Eagle Scout with Bronze Star, compete in the Soap Box Derby, maintain a paper route, milk the cow twice a day, and play high school football. He credits his sisters for getting him through school.

During WWII, Bob enlisted in the Marine Corps and served from 1943 - 1946, achieving the rank of corporal. He tested high on mechanical aptitude and was selected for airplane mechanic school. Bob's parents presented him with a personalized Gideon New Testament, which he carried with him. Bob was introduced to Carolyn June Galphin of Greenville, SC, where they attended a church function. He quickly realized he didn't want this one to get away and finally kissed his bride-to-be when he asked her to marry him, almost wrecking the car in the process. They were married on August 15, 1947. Answering the call to serve during the Korean Conflict, he enlisted in the Air Force as active duty from 1951 - 1953, and discharged from the Air Force Reserves as a

Captain in 1963.

Bob attended Clemson graduating with a BS in Chemistry and Textiles. Following the Korean Conflict, he became a supervisor for Burlington Industries. Bob moved to Newnan, GA, in 1967 when he became the regional representative for Chemurgy Products of Greenville, SC. In 1977, he and June opened their own textile chemical business, Titan Chemicals, Inc.

Bob, June, and family joined First Baptist Church of Newnan, where Bob served as a deacon, taught Junior High Boy's Sunday School, was a leader of their Royal Ambassadors, and carried elderly widows to and from church for years. In 1980 Bob and June joined the Gideons International becoming a church presenter. He distributed Bibles on college campuses, to elementary school children, at the county fair, etc., for as long as he was able. Bob and June transferred their church membership to SonRise Baptist, a First Baptist church plant. June passed away suddenly on March 30, 2003.

Bob was blessed with the second love of his life, Lois Frances Taylor, of New Brunswick, Canada. They were married on November 18, 2004. Lois served alongside Bob in life and as a Gideon Auxiliary.

Those who knew Bob would fittingly describe him as a good and faithful servant. His devotion to Jesus led him to serve God, his family, his country, and others. He was a loving father who lived according to the scripture verse Joshua 24:15c - "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Lois Machen; children: Eli Machen, Bob Machen Jr., Carolyn (Joe) Lowery, Beth (Tim) Carroll; stepdaughter Wendy Taylor; grandchildren: Eldridge Machen, Will (Tolla) Jackson, Lisa (Eric) Marsh, Neena (Slade) Lowe, Anna (Micah) Frazier, Katelyn Carroll; step-granddaughter Jodie Page; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family asks for In Memory donations to The Gideons International, PO Box 626, Sharpsburg, GA, 30277.

Funeral Services will be held in the old sanctuary of First Baptist Newnan, Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:30 am with visitation starting at 10:00 am. Dr. Tim Riordan officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Road.

Condolences may be expressed to the family 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

Visitation

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan Historic Sanctuary
15 West Washington St
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

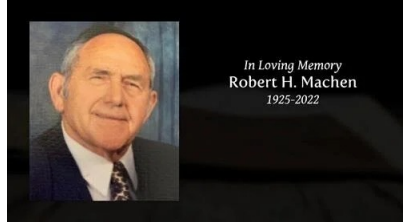
JUL **23**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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15 West Washington St
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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Henly Machen*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 31, 2022 at 09:36 AM

CM

“ Mr. Bob , as we called him was one of the kindest and most loving men I knew, when we joined a small group of people that worshiped God at White Oak Elementary School about a month after moving to Newnan. It later became Sonrise Baptist. We visited him one time while he and Mrs. June were camping in South Fl. . He said he usually camped with friends Lois and her husband. After the sudden death of Mrs. June he eventually married Miss Lois who then was a widow. We have loved them from the first moment we met all of them. Their children are a testimony of his love for God and his service to Him through the years is evidence of his convictions. After one of our church outside dinners, he invited my grandson Matt from Florida and my grandson Tyler over to swim in his pool that afternoon. We enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with him when we first moved up from Florida and shared a wonderful time with him and the family for a very tasty turkey dinner. We would look for him and Mrs. Lois every Sunday for a BIG hug ! We will sure miss Mr. Bob he has had a big impact on our lives because of the way he lived his life. Our love and prayers are especially with Mrs. Lois , and the family. He is with Jesus and praising God in Heaven. I thank God for blessing us with his friendship. Love, Charlotte and Jim Mappin

Charlotte Mappin - July 24, 2022 at 03:16 PM

JC

“ Lois, Wendy and all the Machen family we offer our sincere condolences and prayers on the passing of Robert. From your family at Cape Enrage.

Jim Campbell - July 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

RM

“ Bob was an amazing man. He and his wife trusted in me when the world seemingly could not. I knew him in business only and spent far less time with him than I would have liked. He was a blessing to my life for generations. Rest in peace Bob.

Robert Mustic - July 21, 2022 at 10:17 AM

GB

“ I was sorry to hear Mr. Bob had passed away. I had gotten to know him through the Gideons when I was able to go with him on various Bible distributions. He always was pleasant to be around and always seem to have a personal interest in you. I was not aware of all his accomplishments nor his military experience, but it seems like the Mr. Bob that I knew.

God's blessings on his family at this time.

Tom and Cindy Barnett
Moreland, GA

George Thomas Barnett - July 21, 2022 at 03:16 AM

JW

“ Mrs. Lois, and family, I was sad to hear of Mr. Bobs death. He was such a fine man loved by so many and admired for his service and devotion to our Lord! Just know Heaven was rejoicing as Mrs. June welcomed him and God greeted him with “welcome good and faithful servant!” Only fond memories of this sweet, gentle man.

Sincerely,
Judi Worth

Judi Worth - July 19, 2022 at 04:59 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of Bob. Prayers for you all.

Linda Mealor

Linda Mealor - July 19, 2022 at 03:58 PM

BH

“ Hard to find a finer man and true follower of Christ. I was so blessed to be in their home growing up. With sincere love and very fond memories. Becky Ingram Hyman

Becky Ingram Hyman - July 19, 2022 at 01:57 PM

PS

“ I remember that sweet, quiet voice speaking to me, a younger first cousin. 💙

Pat Middleton Schaible - July 19, 2022 at 10:16 AM

DW

“ Carolyn, I will miss running into you with your sweet Daddy around town. My sincere condolences to you and yours. Love, Darlene Dingler Whitlock

Darlene Dingler Whitlock - July 19, 2022 at 05:58 AM

NJ

“ Mr. Machen and his family were a second home to me growing up. They always made you feel welcome. He was a genuine and gracious man.

Nancy Jackson - July 18, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Bob Machen always made the youth group at FBC Newnan feel welcome in their home next door to the church. He was a true servant of God.*

Linda Lyles Houghton - July 18, 2022 at 04:34 PM