



Samuel Andrew Winkles

July 28, 1930 - March 19, 2017

Samuel “Sambo” Andrew Winkles of Sharpsburg, Georgia passed away at Piedmont Newnan Hospital surrounded by his family. Sambo was born on July 28, 1930 to the late Peter Allen Winkles and Gena Cochran Winkles of Sharpsburg, GA.

He was a Private 1st Class soldier in the United States Army when he joined January 11, 1951. He served as an infantry soldier in the Korean War on the front lines clearing the way for the tanks sleeping in fox holes and trenches. He earned the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Star, Occupation Medal in Japan, United Nations Service Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge for his service and valor. He was honorably discharged on October 10, 1952.

After returning home from Korea, Samuel got a job that lasted 30 years at the Ford Motor Company in Hapeville. After his retirement in 1983, he enjoyed visiting with neighbors and people from his church. Sambo never met a stranger. He was a Mason and member of Tyrone Masonic Lodge #644 for 60 years and was also a past Master. He was a charter member of Palmetto Daylight Lodge #755 and an honorary member at many others.

Sambo loved to read his Bible and did so two or three times a day. After his readings he would sit and discuss the Bible and how he thought it applied to him, and others as well. His love for Rock Springs Baptist Church where he attended as a child and became a member after accepting the Lord, was known everywhere. He always invited others to come to the church. His forefathers established and formed the country church based on their faith

and love for God.

Sambo was an avid collector of many things. He took pride when finding a rare piece that he could add to his "Wild Turkey Bottle Decanters" or "McDonald' Glasses. He loved buying and selling old cars and trucks. If somebody came by and wanted to buy one and the price was right, he sold it and started looking for another. Growing up as a farm boy, he enjoyed cooking barbeque under the shed and raising and selling pigs. He enjoyed collecting coins and fishing. He had the catfish trained by feeding them bread to eat so whenever he wanted a fresh mess of fish, it was no problem to catch them. He loved to quail hunt and on a good day would bring in quail for supper. In the fall when the leaves fell off the trees he enjoyed burning the leaves and watching the smoke rise. He liked to watch the chimney smoke and could always tell by the way the smoke fell what the weather would be.

Sambo loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was often worse than a doting grandmother about taking the grandchildren's pictures out of his wallet to proudly show others. In later years when the great-grandchildren came, he would sneak those Hershey Kisses when their parents weren't looking and if caught giving the chocolate, explained that they "only got one". Truthfully, it was one of many. When cautioned about the fact that they wouldn't eat their lunch, it never bothered him as he thought everybody ate as good as he ate.....not realizing the children did not....they ate the chocolate. Sambo leaves behind to cherish his memory a sister, Sara Proctor (Bobby) of Sharpsburg, daughters' Linda Cason (Bobby) of Newnan, Priscilla Letourneau (George), and a son Robbie Winkles (Debbie) of Sharpsburg, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, Melissa Proctor niece of Sharpsburg, aunt Bert Cochran and nephews.

Services for Samuel Winkles will be conducted on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Rock Springs Baptist Church, 2405 Fischer Road, Sharpsburg, GA. He will lie in state from 11:00 am until the funeral hour at 12:00 with Rev. Howard Alexander and Rev. Bobby Cason officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Masonic Rights at the graveside. Visitation will be

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6-9 at the McKoon Funeral Home on Jackson Street, Newnan GA. Pallbearers will be grandchildren: Daniel Cason, Robbie Cason, Terry Letourneau, Trent Cason, Christian Letourneau, Greg Letourneau, Larry Wayne. Honorary Pallbearers will be the members of Tyrone Masonic Lodge #644.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Rock Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

2405 Fisher Road
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rock Springs Baptist Church
2405 Fischer Road
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Dear Missy, Sammy will be missed by many. Danny admired him very much and cherished their time together sitting in Lodge. I always enjoyed visiting with him when Danny & I would stop by. I'm sure Heaven is a brighter place today because he's there. I know he & Danny are catching up with each other. You'll be in my prayers. May you know His comfort and Peace in the days to come & always.

Mary Moon (Danny)

Mary Moon - March 23, 2017 at 09:58 AM

LN

“ Lois Napolillo lit a candle in memory of Samuel Andrew Winkles



Lois Napolillo - March 22, 2017 at 04:37 PM

LW

“ Linda Wortham lit a candle in memory of Samuel Andrew Winkles



Linda Wortham - March 22, 2017 at 09:49 AM

LW

So Sorry for your lost.I pray that God will give his family and friends peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Linda Wortham - March 22, 2017 at 09:52 AM

HM

“ *Heather McElwaney lit a candle in memory of Samuel Andrew Winkles*



Heather McElwaney - March 22, 2017 at 08:58 AM

KK

“ *Kim Kramer lit a candle in memory of Samuel Andrew Winkles*



Kim Kramer - March 22, 2017 at 07:36 AM

KK

“ *I only knew Mr. Winkles briefly through his daughter Linda. But it was enough to know what a good and kind man he was. May the love and comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ surround his family today and always.*

Kim Kramer - March 22, 2017 at 07:31 AM

DM

“ *Praying for the family that God gives comfort at this time as only He can. Samuel will be missed. He was a true friend to many.*

Dr. Gene Minix - March 21, 2017 at 05:33 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Samuel Andrew Winkles*



Sandra Lewis - March 21, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Andrew Winkles.*



March 21, 2017 at 02:29 PM

GL

“ *George F. Letourneau purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Samuel Andrew Winkles.*



George F. Letourneau - March 21, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ 140 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 21, 2017 at 01:35 PM

MB

“ *Heaven has gained another angel, Sambo will be missed by all who knew him. Sambo was a great uncle to us , he helped take care of us when we were small, never forget the times he would sit and watch tv with us . He would get us popcorn and Kool-Aid. My prayers and thoughts are with all of the family at this sad time. Remember all the good times , and treasure it forever. Love to all of you, Mary Beck*

Mary Beck - March 21, 2017 at 09:05 AM