



Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins

March 23, 1930 - October 2, 2019

Funeral Service for Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins, 89, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Friday, October 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church - Trinity Campus. Rev. Mike Densmore and Rev. Barry Dunn will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at First United Methodist Church - Trinity Campus.

Mr. Spraggins passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Chapman Healthcare Center. He was born on March 23, 1930 in Alexander City, Alabama to Otha W. Spraggins and Jewel Kennedy Spraggins. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church - Trinity Campus serving in many leadership roles there. He was the Executive Director of the Tallapoosa County Democratic Party for over 20 years. He served as President of the Alabama State Association and seven times as the Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O.E. 1878. He was an avid Auburn fan and hosted Auburn Tailgate Club parties for over 30 years. Mr. Reggie was an extreme people person and never spoke an unkind word. He enjoyed boating and golfing.

He is survived by his children, Tommy Spraggins (Jennifer) of Alexander City, Nancy Hodges (John) of Alexander City, Chris Spraggins of Auburn, and Phil Spraggins of Alexander City; grandchildren, Lauren Jennette (Matt), Jill Spraggins Hill (Ryan), Hurley Spraggins, Mary Claire Rushin, Austin Spraggins, Rich Szabo (Brittany), and Adam Szabo (Madeline); great-grandchildren, Hudson, Hannah, and Hollis Hill, Ellis Jennette, Wake and Anne Laws Rushin, and Tripp Szabo; and brother, Ralph Spraggins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Shug Spraggins; sister, Sybil Melton Torgerson; and brothers, Hoyt Spraggins and Bill Spraggins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church - Trinity Campus, 3266 U.S. Highway 280, Alexander City, AL or the Alexander City B.P.O. E. 1878, 658 Elks Parkway, Alexander City, AL 35010.

Cemetery

Hillview Memorial Park
1926 Hillabee Street
Alexander City, AL, 35010

Events

OCT 4 Visitation 10:00AM - 12:30PM
Trinity Branch of First United Methodist Church
Hwy 280, Alexander City, AL, US, 35010

OCT 4 Funeral Service 01:00PM
Trinity Branch of First United Methodist Church
Hwy 280, Alexander City, AL, US, 35010

Comments



“ He was at the top of the "Good Guy" list.

Ken Bryars

Ken Bryars - October 05, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Sandy Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Sandy Adams - October 04, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins.



October 03, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins.



October 03, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Brendagrogan@charter.net sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



brendagrogan@charter.net - October 03, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ He was like a second father to the kids of Springhill. Prayers for all of you.



Jan Scott Rhodes - October 03, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ Ann G Bradford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



ann g bradford - October 03, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins.



October 03, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Cynthia Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Cynthia Fuller - October 03, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ First time that I recall meeting Reggie was when he hosted a Family Reunion in Alex City at the old Russell cabin. I think it was Summer 1982, but maybe 1983. As a military brat, i'd been several places in the US and just finished 3 years as a teenager in Germany, so I thought I'd been there/done that. Not so much---the deep south and southern hospitality and a southern gentleman are things all their own. Reggie showed me that and at the time I didn't even realize it. I did realize that I'll never have a hushpuppy as good as those that came out of that rusty old 55 gal drum. It was a busy day and while I saw Reggie being the host with the most, I didn't really form a connection---I realize now that is all on me.

Flash forward a bit and for whatever reason our paths crossed again, and perhaps quieter and slower times, and I got to see a little more than just the smiling ever-friendly host, and I saw the depth of a person who loved his family, his friends, and made better all the lives of those he touched. Again, though, I didn't realize what I was seeing at the time.

Then in 2002 my daughter Izzy was born. Not sure how it all transpired, but her first plane ride and vacation was to see Reggie and stay at the new lakehouse---Reggie let us have the house as if it was our own---how relaxing and thoughtful and what a great getaway for a working couple from the city with a newborn---to be able to soak up Lake Martin and have Reggie as your host. After that, we moved on to Destin and had another unforgettable experience at Jack's (Mary's?-lol) place. As a new dad, I was starting to understand how special Reggie was---starting to see what it's like to give fully of yourself, and connecting the dots of prior visits with Reggie and his deep and true love of family that I had witnessed.

Not sure if it was before or after 2002, but I had the unique pleasure of being a stop on Jack Hurley's Tour Across America with personal driver none other than Mr. Reggie Spraggins. They stopped at our house in Kansas City and we had one of those never-again evenings in our driveway---all the stars aligned---great food, great company, stories from yesterday on the trip and stories of long ago and all points in between.

Reggie again opened his house and family up to us in 2009---my daughter is now 7,

and can start appreciating the basic joys of lake life and boat rides and the beauty of Lake Martin. We have no real roots there, yet thanks to Reggie we have fond memories and a lifelong affinity for Lake Martin.

Thankfully, in 2018, we once again invited ourselves down to Lake Martin and Phil and Reggie embraced it and organized a family reunion around our visit. We had a great time on the lake and then when we see Reggie on Saturday, the first thing he says is how's Izzy and where is she and she must be so grown---he had such an eye for the future and saw it through his family and my family and creating experiences for those who are following in our footsteps.

Reggie blessed all he met with his love for life and family, his ability to create connections and bridge divides, and ever-constant positive spirit.

What a life, what a legacy, what a man.

Cory Bryars - October 03, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Martha Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Martha Scott - October 03, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ I never saw Reggie when he wasn't smiling. He was very proud of his children, all of whom have that same sweet caring personality. May he Rest In Peace.

ela - October 03, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins.



October 03, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ Cory Bryars lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Cory Bryars - October 03, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Gaynelle Albright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Gaynelle Albright - October 03, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins.



October 03, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ Christy Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Reginald Spraggins



Christy pritchard - October 02, 2019 at 11:55 PM