



Mr. Noah Haywood Flanagan

July 18, 2017

Noah Haywood Flanagan, age 92, a resident of Deatsville, AL, passed away Tuesday July 18, 2017. Noah was born in Alabama to Jim Haywood & Leona (McCune) Flanagan. From an early age, Noah was an avid & competitive table tennis enthusiast; he was a multiple Senior Olympics table tennis champion in his age group. Noah worked his way up through the railroad industry starting his career as a switchmen to eventually serving as the Alabama State Director for the United Transportation Union until his retirement. Noah was a 33rd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Shriners Zamora Temple of Birmingham, AL. Noah is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Peggy (Shafer) Flanagan; sons James (Rhonda) Flanagan, Frank Flanagan & Charles Flanagan; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren & brother Jim Mack (Myra) Flanagan. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family will receive friends Saturday July 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Brookside Funeral Home, 3360 Brookside Drive, Millbrook, AL 36054 with funeral services to follow at 10:00 am with Rev. Brandon Bowman presiding. Interment will take place at 2:00 p.m. following the services at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, 17478 US Hwy 31, Cullman, AL. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that you consider making a donation to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607. Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JUL 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery
Cullman, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Noah Haywood Flanagan*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr. Noah Haywood Flanagan*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM

“ TO THE FAMILY OF NOAH HAYWOOD FLANAGAN:

The death of Noah was received with shock and much sadness. Please accept my personal and sincere condolences. Our many years of work relationship and friendship will always be important entries in my book of memories.

It would be tempting to say that Noah inherited the ingredients of his success or that it was something within his bloodlines. But instead it was the sum total of merit, and hard work, and especially, the choices that he alone made for himself that determined the direction his life would take.

Noah remembered that justice is conscience, not just personal conscience, but the conscience of mankind. As I reflect back he was not only an intelligent and amazing person but a giving person who in his own way was always searching for ways to make life better for family and others. He was a kind and distinguished gentleman of patriotism, goodness and character.

This is the light Noah cast for those who looked to him for help in their darkest moments. The light that led so many who pursued the American dream and the expectation of justice, the light that now serves as a guiding beacon for those who follow in his wake.

His life bent toward fairness for all and he truly possessed that American quality. He fought the tough battles that were required of him and had a capacity to learn and a capacity to listen.

But what stands out the most is not what he achieved, but how he lived his life. He moved through this world with calmness, confidence and an unshakeable love for his union and his family.

Noah will be profoundly missed and will always be the rainbow in our clouds. Our heart aches at our loss, but his legacy will always be with us.

So, at the end of that last tour of duty and hearing the sound of that final 'all aboard' call we should all come to realize that a life lived believing, giving, caring and loving your family is the only life that really matters.

Please know that I shall always be grateful for the personal friendship extended me over the years and be assured that some of my last conscious thoughts will be about Noah and the Flanagan family.

Noah fought the good fight, he finished the race, kept the faith and now will received his crown of righteousness. Please know that I am deeply sadden by his departure but blessed with the fact of knowing Heaven has just gained another angel.

Gone from our eyes, but not forgotten in our hearts.

*G. Thomas DuBose
Macon, Georgia*

Tom DuBose - July 21, 2017 at 07:15 AM

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“ N.H. was a much loved "Paw-Paw" to my children and a friend to me. Though he did not have formal higher education (and joked about not even knowing his "A, B, C's"), his practical knowledge of politics, world events, and finance was prodigious (though let's not talk about his spelling). He was a hard worker and always remembered his roots; even as he rose in the ranks from switchman to State Director of the UTU and mingled with political leaders, no task was below him. He loved to garden, read the financial news, play and compete at table tennis, and be with family. He spent hours teaching his grandchildren the finer points of table tennis (and almost always beating them!), as well as supporting them in their activities. I'm thankful I recently got to hear his Teledyne story one last time and that to "flanaganize" is a part of our family's regular vocabulary. He will be much missed.

Naomi Flanagan - July 20, 2017 at 05:59 PM

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Noah was one of the first men I met when I was cubbing back in 71 , later I would work many days and shifts with and around him . He always treated me fair and with respect even though I was a "New Hire " later he mentored me in the ways of Railroad Politics when I was fortunate enough to hold the same position he had held at our Local , he taught me to treat people fair and square even if they are on the " other side " later I would call on him many times for advice when I became Asst State Director he was always accommodating and always had time to talk and advise me on any situation I was involved with I will always cherish to time and friendship he relayed to me. RIP NOAH YOUVED EARNED IT! Danny Massey

Danny Massey - July 21, 2017 at 01:21 PM