



George Louis Rhinehart

January 22, 1930 - January 22, 2015

George Louis Rhinehart, 85, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Thursday January 22, 2015. A lifelong resident of the Catoosa County area, he was a former employee of Wheland Foundry where he worked for over 39 years, was a member of the American Foundrymen Society, and a member of the Ringgold First Baptist Church. George was very involved with his community. He was a former councilman and former mayor of Ringgold and also helped to put up the flags in Ringgold. He is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Gifford and Emma Lee Self Rhinehart; three sisters, Robbie Schmitt, Edna Keeton and Helen Jacocks; and five brothers, Scott, Clarence, Kenneth, Harold and Taylor Rhinehart. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Shirley Ann Kittle Rhinehart and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held 11:00 A.M. Monday January 26, 2015 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Don Self officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Ringgold City Hall for the Veteran's Flag Fund at 150 Tennessee Street Ringgold, Georgia 30736. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

PD

“ I was married to George's cousin, Dick Schmitt and we loved George, he was not only a cousin but a great friend, we loved getting together with George and Shirley, he will be missed.

Patricia Schmitt - Chattanooga, TN - Was married to his cousin Dick - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ We will miss you George "Peter Pocket" Rhinehart! As a young girl, I lived next door to George and his parents in Graysville, GA. Everyone in Graysville had nicknames back in the day. Years later, no matter where we saw George, we always called him "Peter Pocket" and we would laugh and reminisce about the Graysville days. George and Shirley have been very special to us over the years and our hearts are grieved with Shirley's today. We saw them often at Elmcroft at Shallowford Assisted Living this last year or so. Our prayers are with Shirley and ALL of the family of care givers, nieces and nephews now. We love you, sweet Shirley.

Wanda and Bryan McAllister

Wanda McAllister & Bryan McAllister - Ringgold, GA - Friends - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ When a loved one moves on to "love and peace" it is a sad time for those left behind for a while - to meet again is a hope and a promise. I will think of you, Shirley, and pray for you - that day of reunion will come. Love you--

Carolyn Hayes Kell - Ringgold, GA - Friend - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Uncle Buddy was a kind, loving man. Not only did I love him, he ALWAYS made me feel loved. As a child I took many family vacations with my family to go see the Rhinehart clan. We always stayed with Uncle Buddy and Aunt Shirley. I have great memories of these trips.

He and Shirley drove to Texas one year to spend Christmas with us. I got a Magic Set for Christmas. Uncle Buddy let me practice tricks on him. I think I did the same trick 100 times and every time he acted surprised and amazed! He was such a great sport!!!

When I had children of my own, we too, took excursions to see Uncle Buddy. We had so much fun! They are adults now and they still talk about our great times Uncle Buddy and Shirley.

In more recent years, I've had the honor of helping the Rhinehart family hang flags in Ringgold in remembrance of Veteran's Day. Uncle Buddy was one of the founding fathers to start this tradition and every year I come I become more overwhelmed with pride for our country and those men who sacrificed so much for our freedom. What an awesome legacy he has left for his family and all others who enjoy seeing the flags waive in their glory.

Uncle Buddy will be truly missed by all who knew him - a wise and honest man who loved his family, friends, and country.

I will miss him and always love him.

Terrie Rhinehart Morgan

Terrie Rhinehart Morgan - Pearland, TX - Niece - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Very sorry to hear this news. George was my baseball coach for my 14 year old season. We possibly had less talent and less equipment than the other teams, but under his guidance we won the league championship and went to the state tournament. He was a wonderful coach and mentor and I always admired him and appreciated all the things he taught me. He will be missed. Condolences to the family.

Peter Ware - Dalton, GA - Friend - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ my wife and i have lived in the same neighborhood for over 55 yrs and we thought the world of george /we still think the world of shirley they have been great neighbors and friends (we will miss you george)

richard, and barbara vclark - ringgold, GA - persional friend for over55 yrs -
January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My husband, Mac Poston and I first met George when we moved next door to his mom and dad in Graysville. He was a teenager at the time and later worked with Mac at Wheland Foundry. We considered he and Shirley friends. I send my condolences to Shirley and to his nieces and nephews.

Barbara Poston - Graysville , GA - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ As long as I can remember, George and Shirley were like family. George and my dad worked most of their adult lives at the Wheland Foundry in Chattanooga, and most of the old Wheland crowd is gone now. They were a tough bunch of guys, doing hard work that was important to the transportation industry in the heyday of Chattanooga's foundry days.
I want to express my appreciation to George for my family, and for the friend he was to my father.

McCracken Poston - Ringgold, GA - Family friend - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM