



Robert G. Puder

October 22, 1928 - April 24, 2017

Robert George Puder, 88, passed peacefully at home on Monday, April 24, 2017. He is preceded by his parents George and Emma Foster Puder of Dunkirk, New York and his wife, Henrietta Hartsulker Puder. He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Douglas Lee, and granddaughters, Katelyn, Madelyn, and Arilyn Lee of Chickamauga, Georgia.

After growing up in Dunkirk, New York where his father owned the local bakery, he attended Michigan State University, where he met his wife. He was called to serve during the Korean War, where he was sent to do hospital and laboratory work, spending much of his time in San Antonio, Texas and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, working on the development of important vaccines, actually experiencing Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis. After serving his time in the Army, he returned to Michigan State, where he completed his degree in chemistry and then studied at R.I.T.

He went to work for the DuPont Company after college, spending some time in New Jersey, then transferred to the newly built New Johnsonville, Tennessee plant and settled in Camden, Tennessee. He was the Control Lab Supervisor there for many years and was known as "Sweet Ole Bob" – or often just the initials. His wife and he moved to Chickamauga in 2005 to be closer to family.

He was active in the community in and around Camden, Tennessee for many years being a member of the Freemasons for 50 years, the Elks Club, the Benton County Saddle Club (Where he grilled thousands of hamburgers),

among other groups as well as Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church, Chickamauga, Georgia. He had a passion for hunting, fishing and conservation-being very active with Ducks Unlimited and with a group that distributed wood duck boxes on Kentucky Lake and enjoyed feeding the wild birds in this yard. He will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2017, at Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Chickamauga City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga.

Cemetery Details

Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel
215 Lee Ave.
P.O. Box 370
Chickamauga, GA 30707
(706) 375-2161
bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church
139 Cove Rd
Chickamauga, GA 30707
<http://www.elizabethleeumc.org>

Interment

MAY 5. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chickamauga City Cemetery
Lee Ave.
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great man, thank you for sharing him with us through the years. He sure knew how to make us smile! Is hard to let them go, know that he was so proud of you.*

Dale Barnett - May 04, 2017 at 08:14 AM

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“ *Love you all so much! I was relating the story of coming to your house when we were in college and going into your dad's bathroom, I faced the mirror and realized that I could only see my forehead. Big difference in my 5'5" height and his 6'4"! Our dads had the best sense of humor and I've always felt like we learned to laugh at ourselves because of them. Hugs to you and your family, he will be missed!*

Kelly Rice - May 02, 2017 at 02:12 PM