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Allgood, Robert Luke

Madison, GA

Robert Luke Allgood, age 83, of Madison, GA passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2009. He was born May 14, 1926 in Oxford, GA, the son of the late Carl Samuel Allgood and Etta Wiley Allgood. In 1944, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in the 96th Infantry Division in the Pacific theater during WWII. His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism at Okinawa. Of the 230 men in his unit, only 36 survived the conflict.

He was discharged in 1946 and married his childhood sweetheart, Ruth Ellis, in 1947. He had a 30-year career with Southern Bell, relocating to Madison, GA in 1964 to supervise the switch of the last manual exchange in Georgia to automated service. History was made on July 16, 1967 when the last phone call was made in the state that required an operator assisted switchboard. He retired from Southern Bell in 1982 and remained active in the Telephone Pioneers.

He served as mayor of Madison from 1971 to 1989 acting as city judge in "Mayor's Court". Under his leadership, Madison's Historic District was organized. He was active in Madison First United Methodist Church serving many years on the Board of Trustees and most recently on the Building Committee. He was a charter member of the Lion's Club in Oxford, GA, a Boy Scout Master of troop 209 in Conyers, GA, and a member of Kiwanis Club in Madison serving a term as president. He was an avid fan and supporter of the Morgan County Bulldogs.

He spent his retirement years dove, quail, and pheasant hunting, fishing, gardening, and baking. Many people were recipients of his bountiful garden and his delicious cakes and candies. In November 2008, he was proud to be a part of the 14 men from Morgan County on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC to view the WWII Memorial. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He leaves behind his wife, Ruth, of 61 years; his three daughters and sons-in-law: Lynne and Richard MacMaster of Longview, WA, Emily and Mike Johnson of Roswell, Carole and Clifton Hanes of Madison; 4 grandchildren Jennifer and Seth Stewart, Robert Hanes, Steven Johnson, and Jake Johnson; his brothers Lorenzo Allgood of Gainesville and Cary Allgood, of Oxford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be Friday, October 9 at 11:00 at Madison First United Methodist Church with Rev. Lane Jenkins and Rev. Kirk Bozeman officiating. Interment will follow at Madison Memorial Park. The family will receive friends and family at A. E. Carter Funeral Home, Madison, GA from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to Madison First United Methodist Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 350 Madison, GA 30650.