

Therefore we are
always
confident
knowing that,
whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord.
(For we walk by faith & not by sight.)
We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

absent from the body:
and to be present with the Lord

Wherefore we labor that,
whether present or absent, we may be

accepted
of Him
- II Corinthians 5:6-9

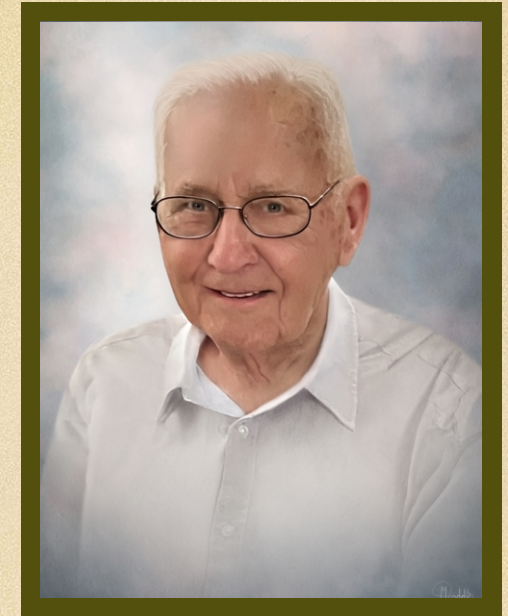
Oak Tree

What a comfort...
For us to know that our burden of grief
was shared by our family & friends.

~ Thank You


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In Loving Memory of
Thomas Russell Butler
December 23, 1930 - May 12, 2024



Don't think of him as gone away -
his **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* And think of him as living
of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And he was loved so much.
- Ellen Brenneman



Funeral Service

2 o'clock in the afternoon
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

Officiating

Rev. Bill Stacey

Entombment

Forest Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum

A Service of
Berry Funeral Home
Elberton, Georgia

Mr. Thomas 'Russell' Butler, husband of Betty Jo Oakley Butler, finished his course in faith on Sunday, May 12, 2024, peacefully at his home on Athens Highway in Elberton, at the age of 93.

Russell was born in Elberton on December 23, 1930, the second of three children of Jasper Raymond Butler and Allie Mae Brown Butler. He worked at Jones Appliance during high school before joining the United States Army, and it was during this time he met his future bride, Betty Jo Oakley. After serving in the Korean War, he returned to Elberton and married Betty Jo one week later.

Russell was an ordained deacon and member of Doves Creek Baptist Church and retired from the granite industry after many years of service as a stone polisher. As the unofficial handyman of the Sweet City Community, he was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was an avid outdoorsman who could often be found tinkering on his Kubota tractor. He looked forward to planting and working a large garden each year. Russell looked forward to trips to the mountains and enjoyed camping. He never turned down any candy, especially a Hershey's Kiss.

Above all, "P-Pa" loved his family dearly. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Betty Jo Oakley Butler; daughter and son-in-law, Dennis and Kay Young; sister, Anna Margaret Craft; grandchildren and their spouses: Bridget and Joseph Hilliard and Blake and Ashley Young; great-grandchildren: Natalie Hilliard, Hannah Hilliard, Emerson Brown, Satcher Young, and Wrenley Young; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, James Milton Butler.

Contributions may be made in his memory to First Baptist Church of Elberton Ramp Ministry, 132 Heard Street, Elberton, GA 30635.