



Roger Britts

December 4, 2009

Obituary of Roger Britts

Roger N. Britts, Sr. loving husband, father,

grandfather, great-grandfather, and a

long-time Leesburg resident passed away

Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, following a long,

productive and happy life. Born in Chattaroy, WV,

on Feb. 5, 1915, Roger moved to Leesburg in

1946 with the love of his life, Irene French,

his predeceased wife of 44 years. He is

survived by three sisters, Janice Evans,

Mary Ferrell and Martha Blanton of Pocahontas, VA,

and his children, Becky Conway (Fred), Roger Jr.,
and Mayme Fisher (Philip), along with
four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Roger served in the Army Air Corps from 1941
through 1945 in the Pacific Campaign. His
last assignment was on Tinian Island with
the B29's that included the Enola Gay.

Roger enjoyed a long business career, highlighted
by 40 years at Britts Auto Electric.

Roger's second business at the Flag Shop
was more of a hobby. It was during his
55 years at The Flag Shop that he became
known as the "Flag Man" of Lake County.

In addition to his deep commitment to his
family and profession, Roger always found
time to make significant contributions to

his community. Roger served in the American Legion, holding almost every position and twice was elected Post 52 Commander. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Leesburg for over five decades, he represented the Leesburg chapter at state and national conventions.

Roger served as a Major in the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Troop D, for 22 years, retiring at age 65. After his family, there was no question that his greatest love was for the First Baptist Church of Leesburg. Starting as a Sunday School teacher, he served for more than 60 years in various capacities including Deacon and Wednesday Night Cook for 22 years. However, his first love was always the pre-school

department, where he must have changed

over several thousand diapers. Roger

attended his last prayer

breakfast less than six weeks ago. This prayer

breakfast was started by several First Baptist

Church members, including Roger, in 1958, and

still meets Friday mornings at 6 a.m.

Visitation

The family will host those wishing to pay their respects during visitation hours Sunday, Dec. 13 from 4-6 p.m. at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel.

Services

Funeral Services will be held at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Gary Blanchard Officiating.

Interment

Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Leesburg.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *An American Hero. A man ahead of his time when it came to interpersonal skills. The community will really miss him. Fellow Kiwanian (Noon) Les Johnson*

J Leslie Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *I remember as a child, going to church and Mr. Britt always greeted me with a high five at the front door. Throughout the years the warmth and sincerity of his Christian love was a joy to everyone that knew him. I just know in heaven that God has given him a a high five! Mr. Britt lovingly spent his life as a blessing to others. Always, he will be missed. With love to his family.*

Katie & Heidi - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *It is with sadness that I recieved notice that Roger is no longer with us. My mom thought the world of him when she worked for him. Mrs Britts was my 3rd grade teacher. I always thought Very highly of both of them, I will always have fond memories whenever something reminds me of them.*

Lionel Burch - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *I want to thank everyone for their kind comments. Since dad's sisters are unable to travel we will have a "live stream" of the funeral services available on the internet. Please check back later and I will have the address where you can view the funeral service.*

Roger Britts Jr. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *What an Uncle! on Easter 1996, i had the privilege of standing next to Uncle Roger as he greeted and 'high-fived' scores of children coming to Sunday School at FBC of Leesburg. There i met many parents who he had greeted and welcomed 20-30 years ago when they themselves were children. i will never forget that day and seeing the joy of one who served and loved so well!*

Tim Ferrell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ *I am blessed to have Roger Britts as my uncle and my memories of him are numerous and varied. He favored everyone with his bright smile and sense of humor, and there was never any question where he stood on any issue! He can correctly be called a good man, a sincere child of God, and a loyal American. We will miss him dearly. Much love to all the family.*

Onesta Carswell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Though many people knew you as Roger Britts, Sr. I knew you only as Grand-Pop..Because to tell you the truth I never really knew your real name until now..I first met Grand-Pop about 15 years ago through my step-daughter Priscilla and my then future son-in-law Mark Hoy on Christmas day at Mark's mother's home here in Ocala..As i approched Mr. Britts to introduce myself and shake his hand I knew that this man had not only seen history but had made it as well..Though small in stature,he was larger than life itself, always willing to try and do most anuthing that came his way..I had always admired his love for life, family,his fellow man, God and Country, and had often thought to myself how I wished I had his energy..Outside of my own Father and Grandfather I don't know of any other man that I could respect more..His mere presence lit up a room, and when he spoke you listened, always wanting more of what he had to say..I can only imagine the things this man had done and seen in his life time..Things that most men only dream about or that are put into story books and made into movies..Although I only knew you for a short period of time, I feel as though I've known you my whole life..” I'll miss you old friend, my dear friend..” You are safe now, Back in the arms of yourloving wife Irene and forever living in the House of God..You'll truly be missed..I'm glad to have known you..I'm proud to have known you..Goodnight my friend and may God keep you safely in His pocket..You'll forever hold qa special place in my heart...Your Friend Forever...Monte & Teresa Schulte

Monte & Teresa Schulte - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ If you would like to view the funeral on line you can do so at: www.livestream.com/inlovingmemoryof

Roger Jr. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Poppaw, I just wanted to say hello to you up in heaven. We are all missing you down here. Someone said heaven needed a good cook.....so I'm sure you are as happy as can be. Your yeast rolls always did yeild enough for an army of angels. I just wanted to say that I love you and miss you, and look forward to the day I see you again. All my love, Christy*

Christy (granddaughter) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM