



## Thomas B. Dabney

December 11, 1926 - July 22, 2021

Thomas Benjamin Dabney of Athens, Alabama, passed away at Limestone Health Facility, Thursday, July 22, 2021.

A memorial service will be held in the First United Methodist Chapel of Corinth, Mississippi Friday, July 30th at 2 p.m. Internment will be in the Corinth National Cemetery.

He was born in Whitley City, Kentucky, December 11, 1926, to Anna and Starlin Hatfield. He was adopted by his grandparents Joseph and Catherine Dabney April 14, 1930. He graduated from McCreary County High School, where he was an Eagle Scout, and joined the Army in 1944, serving in the Philippines and South Korea during World War II. He married Patsy Wakefield in 1946.

After graduating from Western Kentucky, he moved to Corinth, Mississippi to teach Industrial Arts at Corinth High School, where he was the official Voice of the Corinth High School Warrior football team. He left teaching to work at Tyrone Hydraulics, The Alcorn County Manpower School and was Vice President of Independent's Service Company.

He was a member of the Corinth Elks Lodge and President of the Mississippi Elks Association from 1990-1991. He was inducted into the Mississippi Elks Hall of Fame in 1998. During his tenure as President of the Mississippi Elks,

he played a major role in the funding and building of the Elks Boys Camp of Mississippi.

Tom loved woodworking and was happy when he was working on a project, which ranged from small wooden animals to a cabin on Pickwick Lake, a favorite gathering spot for the children.

He took great pride in his grandchildren and was a fixture at all their activities. Affectionately known as Daddy Daps, his favorite role in life was being a grandfather.

He is survived by his daughter Donna (Jack) McDaniel of Athens, three grandchildren: Blake McDaniel of Nashville; Andrew McDaniel of Fukuoka, Japan; and Anna Clem of Athens; and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Patsy Anne Dabney.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Manna Ministry of First United Methodist Church, 208 Hobbs Street, Athens, AL 35611 (256-232-2020)