



## William Harold Casey

June 24, 1930 - June 19, 2013

Major (ret.) William H. “Jack” Casey, 82, of Laurel died Wednesday, June 19, at home. Mr. Casey was preceded in death by a son, Dr. Michael Casey, four brothers and a sister.

Mr. Casey is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris “Dot” Casey of Laurel; four daughters, Rosemarie (Steve) Magner of Griffin, Ga., Becky (Steve) Sherwin of Laurel, Ms., Melanie (Chris) Red of Carriere, Ms., and Jacalyn (Jean-Paul) O’Neal of Mandeville, La.; daughter-in-law, Cindy Casey of Mountain Brook, Ala.; nine grandchildren, Michael Casey of Hoover, Ala., Seth Sherwin of Nashville, Tenn., Heather Sherwin Krout, of Laurel, MS., Casey Magner, Brett Magner and Ty Magner, all of Athens, Ga., Graham Robinson of Laurel, Ms., Chase Robinson of Poplarville, Ms., and Grace O’Neal of Mandeville, La., and two great-grandchildren, Katie Grace Krout and Kyalynn Olivia Robinson, both of Laurel, Ms., and a sister, Margenia O’Neal of Destin, Fla.

Mr. Casey was born June 24, 1930 in Jacksonville, Ala. He was a graduate of Jacksonville State University. He enlisted in the Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was commissioned an officer in the Army and assigned to Fort Benning, GA. Other duty assignments included Fort Belvoir, Va., Heidelberg and Hanau, Germany, Fort Irvin, Calif., Vietnam, ROTC at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky., Monterey, Calif., Panama Canal Zone, and Fort Knox, Ky.

Following his retirement from the Army, Mr. Casey served as the JROTC director at R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel, Ms., from 1977 until his

retirement from the Laurel City Schools in 1996.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ Major Casey was a fine gentleman. He always greeted me with a smile on his face and was such a joy to see in the R. H. Watkins parking lot as I dropped my daughters off for school in the late 1980's. After he retired, I would run into him at the Sunflower store in North Laurel, and he was always kind enough to ask me about how my children were doing. My deepest sympathies to his family. Rest in Peace, Major Casey--you're a very special man.

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**Pamela B. Williams** - June 26, 2013 at 11:54 PM

AS

“ My brother Greg told me the news over the weekend, so sad to hear this - our sincerest condolences to the family... Greg was in the JROTC program a little longer than I was at Watkins, but we both owe Major Casey a lot. He was a great leader and role model - and I can confidently say many, many people are better for having known him.... Sincerely, Andrew Sanders

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**Andrew Sanders** - June 25, 2013 at 06:39 PM

LJ

“ Becky, Steve, Heather and family, I am so sorry to hear about pops. He was such a fun person to be around. I know he will be greatly missed. Keep all your memories close. We are praying for you guys. Losing a parent is not easy. If you need anything please do not hesitate to ask. Love you guys...

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**Laura Jensen** - June 25, 2013 at 03:50 PM

SM

“ Rose, It saddens me to know that your father passed away. I hope that you and yours are doing well and finding all the good memories to carry you through. Thinking of you and Steve...and the boys.

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**Susan Martin** - June 24, 2013 at 09:57 PM

SM

“ Melanie,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Shirley Maddox** - June 21, 2013 at 05:45 PM

HM

“ Sincerest sympathy for your loss and keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Heidi Malone** - June 21, 2013 at 03:37 PM

VD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything!

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**Verena and Glenn Jones (and Davin)** - June 21, 2013 at 12:04 PM

SW

“ Rose and Steve and the entire Casey family, I am so sorry for your loss. Major Casey was a wonderful person to me and helped me tremendously back in the day at Laurel HS from 1977-80. I believe his first year at Laurel was my first year there, too. He was a great man and will be missed. My sympathies to you and the family.  
Shawn Wansley Fred and Barbara Wansley

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**Shawn Wansley** - June 21, 2013 at 09:39 AM

JF

“ R.I.P. Major Casey, words cannot express how much of an impact you had on my life and military career. I thank god he allowed me to be a part of your life at R.H. Watkins High School. God has definitely called home one of the best leaders I have ever known.

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**James Ford** - June 21, 2013 at 12:16 AM

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“ No words can express how much of a positive influence Maj. Casey had & has continued to have in my life for over 36 years. He was a teacher, mentor, & an awesome presence in many of our lives. My condolences to the family-peace be with you.  
Dave

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**David W. Seals, Jr, USAF (Ret.)** - June 20, 2013 at 11:51 PM

TH

“ So very sorry for the loss of this great man to your family. He was a wonderful man who touched so many young lives and guided us in ways he never knew.

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**Teresa Hutchinson** - June 20, 2013 at 11:45 PM

KP

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of Major Casey. He was my JROTC instructor at R.H.Watkins from 1981-1984. He was an amazing man and teacher. He will be greatly missed.

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**Katheryn Craven Pearson** - June 20, 2013 at 10:56 PM

AK

“ Becky and family: May the Lord be your Comforter in this time of loss.

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**Alane Knight** - June 20, 2013 at 06:09 PM