



Thomas Robert Paxton

September 14, 1929 - November 8, 2016

Thomas Robert Paxton, 87, of Harriman, TN, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. He was born on September 14, 1929, in Birmingham, AL, the son of George Bernard Paxton and Myron Gallagher Paxton. He graduated from Ensley High School and Auburn University, where he received a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served his country in the United States Army in Alaska during the Korean War. Thomas enjoyed a long and successful career primarily in the steel industry. He was passionate about his work and his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his sister, Myron Paxton Baker, and brother, Dr. George Bernard Paxton, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol Ann Black Paxton; his son, Dr. Thomas Patrick Paxton, and daughter-in-law, Laura Meadows Paxton, of Aiken, SC, and their children, Michael and wife, Mallorie, Kathryn, John, Caroline, and Nathan; his daughter, Mary Ann Simek, and son-in-law, Dr. Jan F. Simek, of Seymour, TN; and his son, Christopher James Paxton, and his children, Callie and Ethan, of Panama City, FL.

The family will receive friends in Birmingham on Friday, November 11, at 1:30 PM at Johns-Ridout's Mortuary - Elmwood Chapel, followed by a graveside service at 3:00 PM in Elmwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Birmingham, AL 35211

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

John Ridout's Mortuary-Elmwood Chapel
800 Dennison Avenue SW
Birmingham, AL 35211

Graveside

NOV 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery
600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Paxton, Pat, Mary Ann, Chris and family: my deepest sympathies for your loss. I know the sorrow of losing a husband and a father. I remember Mr. Paxton listening to classical music; I thought of him, and your home, just about every time I heard it! Prayers for you all and God bless. Martha Renfro Yassemedis

Martha R. Yassemedis - November 12, 2016 at 01:20 AM

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“ Dear Ann - - just saw Tom's obituary online. I am so very sorry for your loss and for the rest of your family. He was such a caring person, as are you. Your family seems to have grown a lot, just like mine. Please let me know if I can help you and would love to see you. Will be praying for all of you. Nancy Massengill

Nancy Massengill - November 10, 2016 at 08:57 PM