



George Robertson Langford Sr.

October 13, 1923 - January 3, 2019

George R. Langford, Sr. died on January 3, 2019. A service will be held at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.. Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at the family home following the service. George was born in Thomasville, Georgia on October 13, 1923. His father was Daniel Luke Langford and his mother was Virginia Robertson Langford. George was the youngest of four children. His siblings were Daniel Luke Langford, William Madison Langford (KIA in WW2) and Anniewill Langford; all of whom predeceased him. George attended Thomasville HS, and joined Patton's 3rd Army in 1942 immediately after graduating. He was honorably discharged and matriculated at The University of Virginia in 1945. While at UVA, George joined the Chi Phi fraternity, and he was instrumental in forming the Nu Delta Chapter of Chi Phi at FSU. He remained a close and loyal friend to many of his fraternity brothers. He graduated from UVA in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts and Law degree, and in 1951 used his legal training to start Municipal Code Corporation. He married Marian Corbin Lawton on Valentine's Day in 1953 (who predeceased him in 2012), and together they built Municipal Code Corporation into a nationally recognized legal publishing firm. George never met a stranger; he loved traveling in the family motor home and all things FSU. He served an unprecedented three terms as Chairman of Seminole Boosters, and is credited with founding the Golden Chiefs; he held one of the few permanent seats on the FSU Foundation Board of Trustees, and Chaired FSU's first Capital Campaign. His fundraising skills were legendary, which he used for the benefit of FSU, Maclay School, Tall Timbers, the Monticello Opera House, Springtime Tallahassee, TaxWatch, the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, St John's Episcopal Church and St Peter's Anglican Church. He received many awards and accolades during his career, some of which were: from FSU a Doctor of Humane Letters, Golden Circle Award, Hall of Fame and having the Boosters Chairman's Award named for him; and induction into the Thomasville Sports Hall of Fame and recognition as Florida's Entrepreneur of the Year. George was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and was the impetus behind FSU's World War II Institute. GPa, a name he was called by his grandchildren, has two sons, Albert Lawton Langford (Beth) and George Robertson Langford, Jr (Jennifer); and five grandchildren, Giles Robertson Langford (Jennifer), Callie Corbin Langford, Madison

Langford Cook (Jason), Daniel Lewis Langford and James Luke Langford. He was generous, kind, polite, principled and a great businessman; the consummate “southern gentleman and scholar.” The family would appreciate donations being sent to St. Peter’s Church or the Seminole Boosters. Special thanks are offered to his caregivers: Miriam Dady, Anne Marie Regis, Olga Jocelyn, and perhaps his best friend later in life, DW Williams. George lived life fully, and will be missed by the community and the many people whose lives he touched.

Comments



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January 13 at 02:31 PM



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January 11 at 11:05 AM



“ It's funny how, in a way, I never really knew "Uncle George" - a moniker forced on us as children, which we did not appreciate at all until it became obvious that Mr. Langford had become extremely successful. Not just successful, wildly successful by the post-war business standards of Thomasville Georgia, the humble little town from which he hailed.

But in another way, I knew him well. He was my Uncle Bobby's best friend, and Bobby was so down-to-earth we were half scared he would say something inappropriate as dementia and old age became a part of his daily life. Bobby and my loving aunt Mary - who may outlive us all - it's really Mary who reminds me that Uncle George and Aunt Marian were truly special people. Wow, the stories we could tell. Not here, that's for sure, because at least one of them was scandalous to us as kids, involving the typical bathing suit that a Depression-era child would wear if he or she were lucky enough to spend a day at the swimming hole.

What a life! How could you write his obituary? Who wrote his obituary? Well done, whoever you are.

It was never about money with George Langford. NEVER. He had plenty but could not have cared less, except that it provided the cash needed to get the H out of Dodge and go roaming in his RV, which he did often. I always thought of him and Bobby whenever I saw one of those intimidating vehicles on a highway to somewhere.

He gave so much. Did he give it all away? He did. Lawton and Rob have a gigantic pair of shoes to fill, but that's okay, since they have loving families of their own. That

won't be a problem.

We'll miss Uncle George. I wish I could have spent some time with him in his waning years. "Ouch" as E.T. said. Saying farewell to a special family friend - it's not easy. It hurts.

Prayers for all the Langfords in this time of mourning.

Joe Gunter - January 10 at 02:57 PM