



Phillip Lamar Clemons, Sr.

December 31, 1927 - June 29, 2025

Phillip Lamar Clemons, Sr., Tallahassee, peacefully passed away at his home of 67 years on June 29, 2025. He was 97 and had lived a full, healthy life.

Born December 31, 1927 in Adel, GA in his uncle's hospital, he was an identical twin to Leroy Clemons. They had an older brother, Joe Clemons, and the three of them loved each other's company and telling stories of growing up together. They lived on Horseshoe Plantation where their father trained bird dogs, and they had fond memories of making up their own fun.

Lamar graduated from Leon High School in 1945 where he and Leroy were cheerleaders. Immediately after graduation, they enlisted in the US Army until 1947. He went to Georgia Tech on the GI Bill and graduated with a BS in Architecture in 1951 then re-enlisted in the Army and served in the Korean War in 1952-1953. He retired as a Colonel from the Army Reserves in 1987 after a total of 41 years of service. He loved his country and took patriotic etiquette seriously.

He was a man of faith and a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee where he served in many capacities – from deacon to teaching English as a second language. He instilled in his children the importance of faith and integrity and was the epitome of one who walked the talk. He loved

woodworking and built and repaired many beautiful items - clocks, furniture, porches – as well as coming up with useful gadgets. His favorite project was restoring a child's pony buggy (now on display at Tallahassee Museum of Natural History) that they used on the plantation. 'Roadside recovery' was one of his past times as he could take a discarded item and rebuild it into something beautiful or use it for parts.

He is survived by his spouse of 71 years, Eleanor Gard Clemons, son Phillip Lamar Clemons, Jr (Melissa), Kingsport TN, daughter Kathy Clemons Behal (Mike), Kingsport, TN, daughter Corrie Clemons Melton (Cal), Tallahassee, FL, 5 grandchildren-Katherine Conaway (Chris), Suzanne Clemons, William Moor (Carlin), Michael Behal (Kaylee) and Phillip Melton, and 1 great grandchild – Virginia Lee Moor, as well as many nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Irene Clemons, his identical twin Leroy Clemons (Perry, FL), and his older brother Joe Clemons (Tallahassee, FL).

A service will be held at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, on July 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM with a reception to follow. Interment will be at the Tallahassee National Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

The family would like to thank both Select Medical Rehabilitation and Synergy Homecare for the special care they provided during his rehab and his last few days at home.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Clemons family with their arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Tallahassee
108 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Committal Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

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“ *Clemons family, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Many great memories growing up in the Middlebrooks, Piedmont neighborhood. Sending our love.*
Greg Hamil and family

Greg Hamil - July 05, 2025 at 11:21 AM

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I was privileged to serve with Lamar in the Army Reserves for many years. He was a fine Christian gentleman at all times and a great example for those who served under his command. God Bless Lamar. May he find his reward in God's Paradise.

Dave Lang - July 05, 2025 at 02:16 PM