



Obituary

Born: Sunday, April 10, 1921

Died: Friday, December 21, 2018

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the passing of Larson C. "Shot" Strange, age 97, on Friday, December 21, 2018 at his home in Oak Park, GA after a short illness.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Swainsboro First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Robert Blankenship and Rev. David Unkles officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, December 23, 2018 from 5-7 PM.

Interment will follow in the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Military Honors.

Mr. Strange will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

Pallbearers are Jack Moore, Clay Price, Andy Thomason, Chris Beecher, Jim Beecher, Joel Beecher, Joe Peebles and Alex Gregory.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Foundation of Southeastern Technical College, members of the Foundation of East Georgia College, members of the Swainsboro Exchange Club, Board of Directors of the Swainsboro Agribusiness Council, Past Potentates of the Alee Shrine, Lyn Nasworthy, Lynn Johnson, Jim Jester, John Terwilliger, Edna Dixon, Andy Worthington, Orbin Oglesby, Lucky Beasley and John Black.

Shot was born in Oak Park, Georgia on April 10, 1921. He graduated from Oak Park High School and attended Young Harris College, Georgia Southern College and the University of Georgia. In February, 1943, he entered the U.S. Army, serving in the United States and European theater. After his discharge from the Army in April of 1946 he operated the family general merchandise store in Oak Park and his farming interest. From 1961 until 1968 he was employed with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Department as Chief Deputy. In 1968 he went to work with the State of Georgia as a Probation Officer and retired in 1992 as Regional Director. After retirement, he continued to operate his farming interests, which was his passion.

He was a member of the American Legion, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Georgia Cattleman Association, Rifleman Association, Georgia Sheriff Association, Georgia Peace

Service Summary

Visitation

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sun Dec 23, 2018

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors

206 East Pine Street
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401

Funeral Service

1:00 PM Mon Dec 24, 2018

First United Methodist Church/Swainsboro

Swainsboro, GA 30401

Officers Association, Emanuel County Farm Bureau, Emanuel County Agribusiness Council, Swainsboro Exchange Club and Emanuel County Historic Society.

He was a life-time member of the Alee Shrine, Swainsboro Masonic Lodge #244, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the Georgia Probation Association.

He served as past president of the Swainsboro Shrine Club, Georgia Probation and Parole Association, Emanuel County Agribusiness Council, and the Swainsboro Exchange Club.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Swainsboro, GA.

He served on the boards of the Georgia Probation and Parole Association, Emanuel County Agribusiness Council, Citizens Bank of Swainsboro, and Swainsboro Exchange Club. He was Chairman of the Emanuel County Board of Registrars, 1964-1968. He served on the Foundation for Swainsboro Technical College and Southeastern Technical College. He was also on the Foundation for East Georgia College. He played a major role in the instillation of the Emanuel County Probation Detention Center in Twin City.

He chaired the committee to four-lane GA Hwy 17 and US Hwy 1. The Georgia House and Senate passed a resolution in 1999 to name part of US Hwy 1 in his honor. He was elected to the Divan of the Alee Shrine in 1983 and progressed through the positions to become Potentate in 1988, serving Shriners in thirty four counties.

During his lifetime he was recognized for his many contributions to his community and to the State of Georgia: Swainsboro Jaycee's Lawman of the Year (1976). Emanuel County Soil and Water Conservation Man of the Year (1977) Award of Appreciation and Recognition for Valuable Service, Georgia Probation and Parole Association (1978) Award for Outstanding Leadership by the Swainsboro Shrine Club (1979). Manager of the Year of the Georgia Central District Probation Department (1986). Manager of the Year of the Georgia Department of Corrections (1987). Lee Broome Award for Excellence, Georgia Probation Association (1988). Emanuel County Citizen of the Year by the Swainsboro Mayor and City Council, Emanuel County Commissioners, Kiwanis International and Swainsboro Shrine Club (1988). Book of Golden Deeds by the Swainsboro Exchange Club (1989). Lifetime Membership for Leadership and Outstanding Service, Georgia Probation Association (1989). Award for his Service and Contribution to the Shrine Nobility and the Burned and Crippled Children of Shriner's Hospital (1989).

Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service to the Georgia Department of Corrections and State of Georgia (1991). Swainsboro Exchange Club Public Service Award (1992). Exchangite of the Year, Swainsboro Exchange Club (2006-2007), Recognized by Potentate of Alee Shrine for Contributions to the Shrine and Burned and Crippled Children (2010), Volunteer of the Year for the Technical Colleges of the State of Georgia (2011). Farm City week selected Farm Family of the Year (2012). Recognized by the Swainsboro American Legion Post for sixty years of Continued Membership and Contributions (2010). Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Community Service Award and the Pine Tree Festival & Southeast Timber Expo Green Jacket Recipient.

He is preceded in death by his parents, M.H. and Naomi Strange and eight siblings, and his wife of 32 years, Jean Lusk Strange.

Survivors include:

One Sister: Juanita Gregory of Eatonton, GA

One Daughter: Vicki Moore and husband Donald of Oak Park, GA

One Step-Daughter: Lacey Lusk Bishop and husband Perry of Swainsboro, GA

Two Grandchildren: Jack Larson Moore and Marylou Moore.

One Step-Grandson: Clay Price and his wife Amanda.

His dog Spooge.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made, at the families request to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605

Condolences may be submitted online at www.durden-hudsonfuneraldirectors.com

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Larson C. "Shot" Strange of Oak Park, GA