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Bryant Kennon Goggans

AAFA #0406

Charter Member

December 31, 1923 – May 2, 2004

Mr. Bryant Kennon Goggans, 80, of Lanett died Sunday, May 2, 2004 at George H. Lanier Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home Chapel in Valley with the Rev. Frank Rittenberry officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Goggans is survived by his wife, Marion Garrett Goggans; a son, Joseph Allen (Diane) Goggans of Phenix City; a daughter, Susan (Randy) Willingham of Greenville, S.C.; one niece, Lydia (Court) Goggans-Beck of Valley; and two grandchildren, Lindsey Jordan Goggans of Opelika and William David Willingham II of Greenville.

Born in River View Dec. 31, 1923, Mr. Goggans entered the armed forces on Dec. 14, 1942. During World War II, he served with the 9th Air Force in Europe. He piloted a Martin B-26 and was shot down on March 14, 1945 over Belgium. With help from the French underground, he escaped. Mr. Goggans retired from the Air Force Reserve on May 1, 1967. During his career with the military, he was awarded the following medals: Air Medal, Reserve Medal, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation, Army of Occupation Medal, Euro-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Goggans graduated from Valley High School in 1941. He graduated from Auburn University in 1949 with a B.S. degree in business administration.

He played minor league baseball with the Sparta, Ga., club in the 1940s. In 1948, his team won the state D League Championship.

Mr. Goggans was the owner of Goggans Interstate Motor Co. in West Point and Goggans Realty Co. in Lanett. He retired in 1989. After retiring, he continued to be vitally interested in the economic development of the Valley area.

He was a member of River View First Christian Church and the American Legion.

Mr. Goggans was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur T. Goggans and Cora Coulter Goggans.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the River View First Christian Church or to the Lanett First Baptist Church in his memory.

The family will receive friends Monday, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home in Valley.

Birth: 31 Dec 1923
River View, Chambers County, Alabama, USA
Death: 2 May 2004
Lanett, Chambers County, Alabama, USA
Burial: Fairview Cemetery
Valley, Chambers County, Alabama, USA
Memorial ID: 135746072
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Family Members

- Parents
Arthur Thomas Goggans, 1898-1973
Cora Lucille Coulter, 1900-1972
- Spouse
Marion Elizabeth Garrett, 1924-2016 (m. 1953)
- Siblings
Douglas Goggans
- Children
Joseph Goggans
Susan Goggans Willingham

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AAFA NOTES

- Bryant's great grandmother's Alford lineage: Annie Diden 1847 GA¹, Spire Warren 1816 GA², Zaddock 1787 GA³, Julius 1750 NC⁴, Lodwick 1710 VA⁵, James 1687 VA⁶, John 1645 VA⁷.