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L ife Legacy

Jewel Monroe Melvin, 78, passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2016. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Perry. The family will visit with friends on Monday, February 22, 2016, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m., the hour preceding the service. Interment will be on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Andersonville National Cemetery. The family respectfully suggests memorial contributions to Heart of Georgia Hospice Inpatient Unit, 1120 Morningside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069. Jewel was born on May 2, 1937, in Milan, Georgia, to the late Edward Dewey and Sadie Selph Melvin. At an early age, the family moved to Hickory, North Carolina, where he was raised and schooled. In 1955, he joined the U.S. Air Force, and, after training, was sent to the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, CA. He remained in the military for eight years, spent the next 18 years working for a government contractor, and then worked for Civil Service. During his 25 years at Edwards, Jewel earned a Bachelor's Degree from Golden Gate University. His specialty was providing physiological protection for pilots flying above 50,000 feet. His first project was the X-15 rocket airplane, the XB-70, three different Lifting Bodies, U-2, YF-12, and SR-71. He was responsible for the maintenance and modification of the pilot's pressure suits and related equipment and direct flight support. In 1981, Jewel transferred to Robins Air Force Base as Program Manager for Life Support Systems for the U-2 and SR-71 aircraft. He remained in that job until his retirement in 1995. In retirement, Jewel and his wife, Edna, operated the Perry Cafe, which was an especially enjoyable experience. He returned to RAFB as a contractor, where he remain until his final retirement in 2011. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward Dewey Melvin, Jr., Charles Melvin, and William Edgar Melvin; and his sisters, Frances Cooke and Janie Icard. Left to cherish the memories of Jewel are his loving wife of 31 years, Edna Melvin of Perry; his sons, Sean Melvin of San Diego, California, and Kevin Melvin of Phoenix, Arizona; his grandchildren, Luna and Liam of Phoenix; his brothers, James Barney Melvin (Sadie) of Milan, Georgia, and Wayne Melvin (Sharon) of Columbus, Georgia; a sister-in-law, Marlene Melvin of Conover, North Carolina; many nieces and nephews; his step-children, John Costello (Bonnie), Sharon Costello, and



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Margaret Costello; five step-grandsons; and 11 great-grandchildren. Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with you and your family. Kathy Ray [Contact Me](#)

February 28 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Edna, so sorry to read of your loss. My prayers are for you and your family at this time. Miss you!

February 25 at 8:00 PM



Judy Melvin Butler posted:

May God grant his peace and comfort to you all in this time of grief.

February 24 at 8:00 PM



Kathy Scuderi posted:

My deepest sympathy Mrs Melvin! May God wrap his loving arms around you and surround you with angels during this difficult time. Hugs

February 22 at 8:00 PM



Bridges Pest Control posted:

Dear Mrs Melvin, All of us at Bridges Termite & Pest Control in Perry are very sorry to hear of Mr Melvins passing. We are honored to have provided service to you all for so many years. Our son Zac had grown especially fond of Mr Melvin and always said prayers for you both. The Perry Café was the first place Rodney took me for a home cooked breakfast when we first dated. I always missed that place, the food and the kinship. You have trusted us in your home and given us lots of memories. Thank you for that. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.

February 22 at 8:00 PM



Jean Brewer posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 20 at 8:00 PM



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GM

Ginger Morris posted:

Mrs. Edna we are so very sorry too hear of Jewels passing. Kim and I loved him so much. You and your family are in our Prayers. We love you Ma'am. Hugs and love from Ginger Morris and Kim Kersey.

February 20 at 8:00 PM

TH

The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

February 20 at 8:00 PM

AR

Adair Rambo posted:

So sorry to hear about Jewel's passing; however, we know that he heard the words "Well Done" by our Lord and Savior. He was one special gentleman that I had the honor of working with. You all are in my prayers.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

PB

Pam Brown posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Jewels passing. You are in our prayers. Love and prayers, Patsy Watson, Pam Watson Brown, Krystle Kennedy Black

February 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jewel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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