



HENRY EDWARD "CHAT" CHAPMAN, SR.

February 14, 1931 - March 17, 2022

PERRY –

Henry Edward Chapman Sr., also known as “Chat,” passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on March 17, 2022, in Perry, Georgia. Ed was born in Perry, Georgia, in 1931 and was the son of the late Chalmus Clinton Chapman and the late Emmie Bryant Chapman. He had six brothers and one sister, all of whom preceded him in death. He attended all twelve years of school in Perry and graduated from Perry High School in the Class of 1949. In high school, Ed was a valuable player for the legendary Coach Eric Staple’s basketball dynasty. He helped the panthers win two State Championships (1947 and 1949), played in the Southeast All-Star Game, and was selected as an All-American basketball player by several publications. Following a brief stint playing college basketball at Georgia Southwestern College, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served his country during the Korean War. Also, during this time, Ed married Jane Snyder and started their family with the addition of their three children.

Ed returned to Perry after his honorable discharge to work for his father, Sheriff C.C. Chapman, followed by a time with the Georgia State Patrol. He later returned to college as an adult to complete his studies in accounting. He worked in public accounting before purchasing a regional CPA firm and partnering with his son, Snyder, to form Chapman PC, CPA. Ed was also an entrepreneur and created several ventures, including two bar-b-que restaurants, a motel, and a catering company.

After retiring at age 65, Mr. Ed and Mrs. Jane spent most of their time together, visiting friends, family, and their favorite restaurants. Ed enjoyed playing golf, fishing, quail hunting, and cooking. He is remembered fondly by others as someone who was a great story teller, and he enjoyed sharing the details of those various adventures. Ed was a participant in the unofficial “Perry Breakfast Club” and joined his friends most mornings for coffee, biscuits, and gossip.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Jane Snyder Chapman, who passed away on July 30, 2021. He is survived by his daughter, Carol Mathias Gorman of Macon;

two sons, Ed Chapman Jr. (RichieLynn) and Snyder Chapman, both of Perry; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. He has several nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. The family would also like to share their gratitude for the generosity of Ed's friends, relatives, and the medical community who contributed tremendously to his quality of life through your visits, calls, assistance, and loving care that you showed him during his last years.

With Covid still strong in our community last summer, the Chapman family were not able to have a service to celebrate Jane's life. Therefore, a Memorial Service for both Jane and Ed Chapman will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Perry United Methodist Church. A private burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, 3000 Highway 42 North, McDonough, GA 30253, or to your preferred charity.

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.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

720 Main Street
Perry, GA 31069

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Perry United Methodist Church
1002 Carroll Street
Perry, GA 31069

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Dick, Sydney Kinnard and family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of HENRY EDWARD "CHAT" CHAPMAN, SR..



Love, Dick, Sydney Kinnard and family - March 21 at 04:10 PM

TJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this time. May the thoughts and great memories of Mr. Chat & Jane always bring JOY to your hearts and a smile to your face. Much love and Grace, Bruce & Tamara Joiner

Tamara Joiner - March 21 at 07:31 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ronnie and Linda Collier

Ronnie and Linda Collier - March 20 at 08:47 PM

EP

“ I've known Mr Ed and his family all my life.

RIP for a real friend and gentleman.

Ed Pierce - March 20 at 01:37 PM

FB

“ Our Thoughts And Prayers Go Out To The Family 🙏 Ed and Jane Were So Special to Us ! Freddy , Nancy Barron and Family !

Freddy and Nancy Barron - March 20 at 01:31 PM

DE

“ Sincere condolences, Synder, to you and your family.

Diane McSwain Elliott - March 20 at 09:56 AM

GB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah
Byron, Ga*

Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah - March 20 at 01:04 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of HENRY EDWARD "CHAT" CHAPMAN, SR..*



March 19 at 07:57 PM

JK

“ *Prayers for all the family. Ed and Jane were a great couple, loved by many.
Jackie Klein*

jackie klein - March 19 at 07:01 PM

LS

“ *So sorry!! My prayers, love and thoughts are with all of you! God bless!!*

Linda Smith - March 19 at 06:22 PM