



## Joseph Madison Rackley, Jr

February 4, 1938 - September 3, 2016

Joseph "Joe" Madison Rackley, Jr., 78, of Pulaski, TN passed away Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Vanderbilt Medical Center surrounded by his family.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Bennett-May- Giles County Funeral Home with Pastor Lee Stevenson officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 - 2:00 the day of the funeral. Burial will follow at Fogg Cemetery in Pulaski. Memorials may be made to Fogg Cemetery % Connie Rackley, 355 Hicks Cut Road, Pulaski, Tn 38478 or First United Methodist Church, 200 West Jefferson Street, Pulaski, Tn.

Joe was born on February 4, 1938 to parents Joseph Madison "Joe Matt" Rackley, Sr. and Jane Zuccarello Rackley. Joe was an Eagle Scout and served as scoutmaster. He graduated from Giles County High School and then attended Vanderbilt University earning a degree in Civil Engineering. Joe worked at NASA before creating his own company, Rackley Systems, a comparative rating software company, in 1979. Joe was inducted into the Robert E. Musto Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame in 2010, was a member of the Pulaski Exchange Club, served on the SunTrust Bank Board of Directors, and was a member and president of the St. Barth Condominium Association of Board and Directors in Destin, Florida. He was also a life-long member of First United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

Joe was an avid fisherman, hunter, golfer and sportsman. He was a pilot and loved boating. In his retirement, he spent countless hours in his workshop and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed all forms of

technology, traveling, reading, the ocean and his dog Missy.

Joe is survived by his wife of 38 years, Diane Moore Rackley, sons, Matt and his wife Connie, Bill and his wife Traci, and daughter, Karla Gardner and her husband Michael. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother, Bill Rackley and wife Salter of Carthage, TN. Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for Joseph "Joe" Madison Rackley, Jr.

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ I can honestly say Joe was one of the sweetest gentlemen I've ever known. His generosity towards others and kindness amazed me! I will miss him but know heaven welcomed him with open arms. My last memory of him is the hug he gave me the day he and Diane moved out of Silver Shells. God Bless You, Joe! ..... Love you and Diane! Pam Bass

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**Pam Bass** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

KP

“ I had just begun my insurance career when the Rackley Systems was first introduced. We were in the very first group to contract with Joe. He and I recalled that many times over the years. I considered him to be a pioneer and courageous man to venture into that and admired him a lot for doing it. Joe was a good man and a friend over the years,. Please extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends in Pulaski.

*Keith Phelps  
Jamieson & Fisher, Inc.  
Covington, TN*

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**Keith Phelps** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss David, Ashton and Grayson! God Bless

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**Brandi Ellis Chapman** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

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“ Our agency was one of Joe's early customers. He flew his airplane to our local airport and then came to the office to do the install and onsite training himself. My office manager carried Joe back to the airport and he returned the favor by taking her for a airplane ride over town. Joe was a fine gentleman. I will always remember his help starting our " computerized quotes". My condolences to his family.

*Clint Reynolds*  
*A E Reynolds Insurance Agency Inc.*  
*Tennessee Ridge, TN*

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**Clint Reynolds** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

AG

“ Bill and I often reminisced about the fun times with you and Joe on the river and in Bermuda. --Ann Gray

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**Ann S Gray** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

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“ Much love from our family to yours. We are holding you very close in our hearts and in our prayers.

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**Mary Nell Bryan** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ Thinking of you all...

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**Martene Hatfield** - February 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM