



## William Edward "Roscoe" Speaks

December 16, 1938 - April 3, 2020

William Edward "Roscoe" Speaks, age 81 of Snellville, Ga., passed away on April 3, 2020 at Gwinnett Medical Center from complications related to Covid-19.

Roscoe was born to Rupert Clayton Speaks and Vera Anne Davis Speaks in Atlanta, Ga. on December 16, 1938. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1956, and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1961 with an Industrial Management degree. He married his loving wife Harriet on April 9, 1960. Roscoe worked as a Facultative Branch Manager at Munich Reinsurance Group until he retired in 1988.

In retirement, Roscoe continued to serve his community, volunteering at area nursing homes and hospices, earning the WXIA Community Service Award in 2004 for his selfless service to others. His greatest joy was sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and offering comfort and fellowship to residents and patients with which he visited.

Roscoe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Harriet Speaks; his three daughters Stevie, Becky, and Ginny; five grandchildren Ian, Anneliese, Tatum, Haley, and Carter; one great-granddaughter Quinn, and one great-grandson on the way. He was a member of White Oak Baptist Church in Lilburn, Ga.

Due to the unusual circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, a graveside service will be held on Tuesday, April 14 with immediate family only. A memorial celebration of life will be held at a later date this summer when family and friends are able to gather again. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Samaritan's Purse.

Condolences may be viewed or sent to <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company" Lawrenceville Chapel 770-963-2411, has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Smitha Medlock lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Roscoe" Speaks



Smitha Medlock - May 03, 2020 at 01:33 AM

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“ You wouldn't know me but my mother, Geraldine Nichols, now 92, of Ashton Manor at Sugarloaf, used to go to the Bible study on Tuesdays for many years that he and Tom and Bobby brought to this facility. It was the only church she was able to go to. She thought so very much of these 3 wonderful Christian men. I just want to say how sorry she was to read about his recent death. We have always appreciated them and will now pray for your family during your time of loss. I feel sure that Jesus welcomed this gracious and humble man with open and loving arms.

Angelyn Nichols George - April 23, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ Randy worked with Roscoe at Munich before Roscoe's retirement. They shared wonderful memories and fun times together. We're sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Harriet, the girls and your families. Love and Prayers, Randy and Melinda Miller

Melinda Miller - April 15, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ If you ever wanted to know the definition of a gentleman, you'd have to look no further than this gentle man. I first met Roscoe over 40 years ago and he was one of the finest people I ever met in the insurance industry. Rest in peace.

Kirk Callaway

Kirk Callaway - April 12, 2020 at 08:08 AM

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“ Joe & Nancy Stickell lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Roscoe" Speaks



Joe & Nancy Stickell - April 08, 2020 at 02:38 PM