



Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols

February 27, 1952 - September 18, 2019

Funeral service for Mr. George DeWayne Echols, 67, of Auburn, AL will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church of Opelika, AL with interment in Town Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Echols passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at his home.

Family hour/visitation will be Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30 pm at the funeral home. Mr. Echols will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

Survivors: wife, Patricia Harper Echols; children, Jeremy (JaRyce) Echols, Melanie (Jesse) Chambless, Kevin (Andrea) Harper and acknowledged son Morris Tooles, II; grandchildren, Alexandria, Bradley, Jaden, Harper and Charlotte; siblings, Gwen Echols and Michael (Cynthia) Echols; several uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Town Creek Cemetery

1150 South Gay St
Auburn, AL 36830

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Family Receiving Hour

SEP 24. 5:30 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
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Lie in state

SEP 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church
650 Jeter Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801
<http://www.greaterpeacechurch.org/>

Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - September 25, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ William(Jabo) & Sheron Zellous- San Diego CA purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.



William(Jabo) & Sheron Zellous- San Diego CA - September 24, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.



September 24, 2019 at 10:10 AM

RS

“ *Richetta Scaife Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Richetta Scaife Stephens - September 24, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Richetta Scaife Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Richetta Scaife Stephens - September 24, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.*



September 23, 2019 at 11:22 PM

JH

“ *To the George D. Echols Family, you have our heart felt Condolence and prays.
Joseph and Frankie Hogan.*



Joseph Hogan - September 23, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.*



September 23, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *EAC Federal Credit Union - Board and Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.*



EAC Federal Credit Union - Board and Staff - September 23, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *Linda Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Linda Carter - September 23, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - September 23, 2019 at 04:49 PM

BB

My prayers and sympathy for the family. God Bless You All

Blondie Brooks - September 25, 2019 at 05:54 PM

CF

“ *Chelle & Clifford Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Chelle & Clifford Foster - September 23, 2019 at 03:43 PM

CS

“ On behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, we offer our sincerest condolences. Brother Echols was a great man who lived his life as an example for young men to follow. He was a pillar to our organization and a great advisor. Our true friend and brother will be deeply missed. May God comfort you during your time of bereavement.

*Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.
Grand Master of Masons*

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr. - September 23, 2019 at 01:23 PM

GF

“ Gloria Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols



Gloria Fitzpatrick - September 23, 2019 at 01:18 PM

WJ

“ The news of Pete's passing has deeply saddened his Gary, IN family. We are all in prayer for God to comfort you and give you peace. We all loved Pete and he will be dearly missed.



Willie & Beverly Jackson - September 23, 2019 at 12:40 AM

SE

“ *Sending prayers and condolences from Sherry Echols and family*



Sherry Echols - September 22, 2019 at 10:02 PM

JC

“ *Juanita Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Juanita Crawford - September 21, 2019 at 09:45 PM

MJ

“ *Melissa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Melissa Johnson - September 21, 2019 at 03:40 PM

RD

“ *Rodney & Katrina Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Rodney & Katrina Davis - September 20, 2019 at 02:31 PM

VC

“ Condolences from Daniel and Lois Core we are praying for the family.

Vickie Core - September 20, 2019 at 12:17 PM

CG

“ Charles & Angela Gilbert purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols.



Charles & Angela Gilbert - September 19, 2019 at 06:26 PM

LG

“ Linda Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols



Linda Griffin - September 19, 2019 at 02:18 PM

TR

“ So so sorry....my thoughts and prayers are with you ALL.

Tamikka Radford & Family

Tamikka Radford - September 19, 2019 at 09:56 AM

BM

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. We pray for abundant blessings on each of his loved ones. Barbara & Chris Pitts, and Frankie Moss.

Barbara & Chris Pitts, and Frankie Moss - September 20, 2019 at 05:20 PM

WP

*My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Echols and family.
Brother Echols truly an inspiration to me and so supportive to me 5
years ago as the newly elected WM of Keystone Lodge No 40.
You are missed, Rest In Peace my brother.*

WM Guy R. King of Keystone Lodge 40 PHA - September 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

SF

“ *Sheryl Durrell & Jackson Family lit a candle in
memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Sheryl Durrell & Jackson Family - September 19, 2019 at 03:21 AM

KW

“ *K.L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr.
George D. "Pete" Echols*



K.L. Williams - September 19, 2019 at 12:36 AM

TM

“ *George was truly a blessing to all who knew him. He cared about
people and enjoyed helping others. I remember the first time I met
George almost forty years ago and I instantly knew he was a good
man. He was a one of a kind and I love and will miss my friend. My
sincere thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the rest of the family.*

Tim McNair - September 18, 2019 at 09:34 PM

JH

“ *Jeanette Holcey lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. "Pete" Echols*



Jeanette Holcey - September 18, 2019 at 12:52 PM

JB

I am so saddened by the death of my friend, classmate (Class of 1970) and neighbor, Pete Echols. So many memories are in my mind right now. Endless fun and play on Pitts Street. Skating, riding bikes. Especially on Christmas morning. The boys playing football on the street on the side of our house and Mama confiscating the footballs. Playing baseball on the lot where Ebenezer Church stands today. Standing on the corner under the street light talking until the time your parents said you had to come in. And of course, Street parties at the end of Pitts Street. We were a community and family. Everybody 's parents were your parents. Those were the good old days.

And those early days at Auburn High drew us closer together. We had to lean on each other, support each other and navigate treacherous times but we made it through triumphantly. Those are memories that we will carry with us that bonded us forever.

Pete and I were the same age . Gwen was a year older. And Mike and Danny were best friends. We were like family. Pete always seemed wise and mature for his age. He had a great sense of humor and a laugh and smile you would never forget. I can hear him saying, "Judy, are you saying I always looked old? I would say, "No, Pete. I was saying you seemed mature and wise. It was a compliment."

I was fortunate to spend time with Pete and Pat, Mike and Cynthia, Gwen and Sandra Woody Hall on July 27, 2019. They were in Columbia for a family reunion and came by to see me and Mama. We had lunch and wonderful reminisces. It was so much fun. Mama had stories about everybody. At her age, she is unfiltered and she says anything. I am so grateful for this visit, especially since it was my last with my friend, Pete.

I hope that warm memories and the love and support of friends will be of comfort to Pat, Gwen, Mike and the rest of the family. Pete was a special person and left his mark on Auburn in so many ways. Rest In Peace, my friend. ❤️🙏 - Judy Mitchell Battiste

Judy Mitchell Battiste - September 25, 2019 at 09:27 AM