



Albert Rogers Yarnell

October 25, 1923 - January 7, 2018

Life is not a destination; it is a journey. Albert Rogers Yarnell began his journey on October 25, 1923, in Searcy, Arkansas. He died at age 94 on January 7, 2018. Born the only child of Ray and Hallie Yarnell, he grew up in the ice cream manufacturing business begun by his father. He graduated from Searcy High School in 1941 and then attended Kemper Military Academy in Columbia, Missouri. He served his country in World War II decoding top-secret messages in China. After the war ended, he completed a degree in Dairy Science at the University of Missouri where he was in the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Albert Yarnell was a man for all seasons. First and foremost, he was a family man. He was kind and gentle to all and especially to his wife of more than 50 years, Doris Hoofman Yarnell. Albert was predeceased by a son, Reagin, and is survived by Doris and their three children, Rogers Yarnell, Camille Yarnell Fort and Melissa Yarnell, all of Little Rock. He also leaves behind four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For over 75 years he worked with his family and his management team to make Yarnell's Ice Cream one of the most successful regional ice cream companies in the United States. Yarnell's truly became "Arkansas' Ice Cream." For this success and for many other accomplishments, he was inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame in 2008, sponsored by the Sam Walton School of Business at the University of Arkansas.

Albert has served Arkansas and his community in Searcy in many ways. He

was Chairman of the Baptist Medical System Board of Directors in 2000 and served on the Board of Directors for over 40 years. He is a past- president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and also served as Mayor of Searcy. Albert and Zeke Chronister began the White County United Way in 1978. Albert was named Scottish Rite Citizen of the Year in 1996. He served as president of the Arkansas Dairy Products Association and was named to its Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was inducted into the Searcy Public Schools Education Foundation Hall of Honor as a distinguished alumnus. Albert loved quail, duck and pheasant hunting and enjoyed many trips to the fields and farms in South Dakota with longtime hunting friends and his son Rogers.

Above all, Albert Yarnell was a man of great faith. He served as treasurer of the First Baptist Church in Searcy for over 32 years. Accordingly, a memorial service will be held at the church on Thursday January 11, 2018, followed by a family committal service under the direction of Powell Funeral Home. A visitation and celebration of his life will be held in the family ministry center of the First Baptist Church in Searcy on Thursday, January 11 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Yarnell Ice Cream will be hand dipped along with other snacks. His funeral will be held at 2:15 pm in the church sanctuary.

Memorial gifts may be made to the White County United Way at www.unitedwayofwhitecounty.org. To sign an online guest book visit www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Searcy First Baptist Church
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:15 PM (CT)

Searcy First Baptist Church
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell



Powell Funeral Home - January 09, 2018 at 03:59 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry that I missed when Albert passed away. A neighbor mentioned it today. Mr Yarnell was just a great man, both personally and professionally. He was always a promoter of the dairy industry and a pioneer in Arkansas. My belated condolences to the family and friends.

Jodie Pennington - May 14, 2021 at 04:36 PM

JD

“ Mr. Yarnell was one of the finest men I've ever known. He'll be greatly missed, not just by Searcy, but by those of us who have wandered away.

Jim Danner - January 14, 2018 at 08:35 PM

CA

“ Sending our condolences from Billy Edward and Faye Lynne Yarnell

Caity - January 13, 2018 at 12:07 PM

EE

“ We were so sorry to learn of Albert's passing. We will pray for his family in this time of loss and await with added expectation that certain reunion we will have with him in the clouds when we meet the Lord in the air.

*Ann & Ed Eason
Conway*

Ed Eason - January 12, 2018 at 03:05 PM

MD

“ So privileged to have known him. He was a positive influence in my life and a great friend of my family. My condolences to Doris and the rest of the family.

Mearl Danner

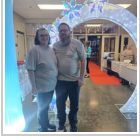
Mearl Danner - January 12, 2018 at 01:05 PM

TS

“ My condolences to the entire Yarnell family. Mr. Yarnell will always be remembered as a legend in Searcy, and rightly so. I remember running into him, of all places, in the Phoenix airport following his trip to the Grand Canyon in the late 1990's. He and my father, Pete, had a nice chat with all of us in the terminal while waiting on their flight back to Little Rock. He was a fixture at First Baptist Church and my grandfather, Murray Pounds, always thought very highly of him. Peace to his family and friends.

Tracy Steward

Tracy Steward - January 11, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ I met Mr. Yarnell back in April of last year, but being a long-time Searcian, I knew all about him; my thoughts and condolences go out to Mrs. Yarnell and family. He was a very sweet man, and I know he'll be missed.



Leah Brooks - January 11, 2018 at 09:55 AM

ME

“ May our Lord comfort the Yarnell family with his tender mercy and loving kindness. I have many fond memories of working for the Yarnell's producing great tasting Ice Cream. It was a privledge to have know Mr. Albert.

Mark Emberson - January 11, 2018 at 09:20 AM

KP

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family. Had the privledge to work for the Yarnell Family for 27 Years and thought a lot of Mr. Albert. Keith Pate

Keith Pate - January 11, 2018 at 12:55 AM

RD

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Yarnell family. I was privileged to have known him as well as having a business relationship.

Roger L Dobbins - January 10, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert Rogers Yarnell.*



January 10, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Mr Yarnell, May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ supply your every need during this difficult time. I enjoyed knowing him and being in church together at First Baptist Searcy.*

James I wyatt - January 10, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ *I didn't get to know Mr. Yarnell until his later years! He shopped at Harps where I was the bakery deli manager! We bonded over a certain kind of cheese spread he liked! I always tried to keep it on hand just for him! He was such a sweet and kind man! He will truly be missed!*



lisa layne - January 10, 2018 at 10:21 AM

ZF

“ On behalf of Newhope Specialized Industries, Inc., we would like to extend our condolences to the Albert Yarnell family. Zena Falcinelli, Linda Pratt, Janie Griffin, Judy Berry, Danny Berry, James Cohorn, Jeanette Halfacre, Sarah Scarborough, Melissa Clonts, Stephanie Reynolds, Traci, Jerry, Chris, Michelle, Henry, Zach, Bruce, Loraine, Mike, Tyler, Daniel, Angel, Jason, Marcus, Dale, Ricky, Larry, Missy, Brandon, Melissa, Jessica, Patrick, Danielle, Leon, Miranda, Seth, Tonya, Melinda, Clifford, Tre'lon, Becky, Rene', J.C., Jamie, James, Brian, Sam, Neil, Christopher, Rikki, Michael, Jess, Chris, Jerry Don, Janet, Debbie, Marty, Daniel and Ariel.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Zena Falcinelli - January 10, 2018 at 10:20 AM

LE

“ Prayers for the family!! Lanell and Eldon England



Lanell and Eldon England - January 10, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CF

“ Cecil Davis Family lit a candle in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell



Cecil Davis family - January 10, 2018 at 08:32 AM

DP

“ *Diana Pratt lit a candle in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell*



Diana Pratt - January 10, 2018 at 06:39 AM

CM

“ *Charlotte Rice Morris lit a candle in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell*



Charlotte Rice Morris - January 09, 2018 at 11:03 PM

CM

Mr Albert was always very kind to me. My sincere condolences to the family.

Charlotte Rice Morris - January 09, 2018 at 11:05 PM

PE

“ *Peggy lit a candle in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell*



peggy - January 09, 2018 at 09:29 PM

DG

“ Dwight And Jackie Gay lit a candle in memory of Albert Rogers Yarnell



dwight and jackie gay - January 09, 2018 at 09:16 PM

DA

“ THE YARNELL MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME



DEBORAH Adkins - January 09, 2018 at 07:42 PM

DG

Our prayers are with you. Mr. Yarnell will be missed by so many. Danny and Sue Gibson

Danny Gibson - January 09, 2018 at 10:55 PM

NF

“ My dad, Donald Choate, was a friend and thought so very highly of Mr. Yarnell. He was very proud to say that he was friends with the guy who ran Yarnell's because it was such a great product and company. My dad respected the way Mr. Yarnell supported and promoted the area. My family's condolences to your family.

Nancy Choate Fancyboy - January 09, 2018 at 03:47 PM

BE

“ I are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Albert, and extend my most sincere condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren and other family members. I respect his achievements; his love of family, his great faith, and was privileged to have known him. It was an honor to have worked with him many years ago. He had a deep passion for making great ice cream. I still miss his Angel Food Vanilla.

The world will be a far less interesting place without him in it and he will be, truly, missed.

*Most Respectfully,
Becky Kaffka Pasmore*

Becky - January 09, 2018 at 02:16 PM