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Eulogy for Oscar Thomas (Tommy) Fulghum who Died 14 April 2009.

"Tommy lived in Wadley, Georgia and his beloved Coleman Lake, GA for 62 years, before moving to Augusta in 1992. He attended Georgia Military College and earned the rank of Cadet Major. He continued to be an avid supporter of GMC. In 1950, at the age of 20, he married Margaret Jeanette Garrick. That relationship was soon challenged when only a few months after the marriage Tommy was injured in a logging accident when a tree fell on him injuring his spinal column. He spent the remainder of his life as a paraplegic, but was able to walk with crutches for some 45 years then succumbing to a wheel chair the remainder of his life. For the average person this would have been a life ending event, but Tommy's strength, determination and stamina propelled him to become a successful businessman. He traveled through the world and adapted his vehicles so he could drive wherever he wanted. From climbing the Eiffel Tower to walking the Great Wall of China on two occasions, Tommy never waivered in his determination. In 1956, along with his father and brother, they invented the now famous Fulghum rosserhead debarker. It was this feat that catapulted the Fulghum name in the forest products industry. In October, 1956 the family organized Fulghum Industries in Wadley to manufacture log handling equipment for the industry. Fulghum Enterprise was another arm of the family business, with Tommy overseeing the sales and manufacture of fork lift trucks, some of which are still being used today. Tragically in 1970 Tommy's father unexpectedly passed away and he was thrust into the position of handling the Fulghum companies. Now Tommy's passion in his life, the growth and development of the Fulghum companies, began. He oversaw the successful merger of Fulghum Enterprises into Fulghum Industries, and was always at the helm with a drive to make the Fulghum name known through out the world in the forest products field. During his endeavor to expand Fulghum Industries, he achieved seven patents on equipment that are used in the forest products industry. Even though he was managing a growing business, he also felt the need to position himself in the civic matters of the small rural Georgia town. He was elected to the Wadley City Council in 1968 and then ran a successful campaign becoming elected Mayor of Wadley in 1969. He was also a member of the Wadley Lions Club and a past President of the Club. At the age of 29, Tommy became a deacon in the Wadley Baptist Church. A pioneer and visionary in the forest products industry, Tommy ventured out and began another company, now Fulghum Fibres, Inc. in 1990 to accommodate the needs of the pulp and paper industry. That company has now grown to some 29 locations in the United States, Chile and Uruguay with some 250 employees.

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IMPORTANT REUNION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms were included in the Winter issue. As you will recall, all fees including room and meals, must be paid with the registration. **Peggy Wood** has another obligation, will be out of town the last week in May, Peggy requests all who can to please send in their **registration form and checks in time to reach her by the middle of May.**

Registration for the Reunion procedure:

- 1) Use the registration form.
- 2) Everything must be paid in advance. Please send your check for the entire amount for your family with the Registration Form. The cost for a couple is under **\$300.00** for the entire weekend,
- 3) Note the FINAL registration deadline is **June 5, 2009**. Please mail your registration to Peggy F. Wood in time for her to RECEIVE it by June 5th. (By May 15th if you possibly can.) Please do not book rooms with the 4-H Center. **Peggy will book all rooms on June 5th for all who have registered and paid.** Mail form and check to:

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In Memoriam

Jewel Fulghum Broome, 83, died Sunday, 5 April 2009. Mrs Broome, born 17 September 1925, was a daughter of Eugene Sherrod Fulghum and Virginia Caterine Long of Wake County, NC. She made her home in Aurora, NC after marriage to John C. Broome, 4 March 1950 in Elizabeth City, NC. In 1977, she moved to Greenville, North Carolina where she worked as a nurse at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and at Greenville Pediatrics until her retirement

Jewel was preceded in death 26 February 1966 by her husband,. She is survived by: daughters, Betty Reece Price and husband, Bill, and Mary Kathryn Jennings, all of Greenville; son, David Charles Broome; daughter-in-law Wanda Gill Broome, all of Raleigh; sister, Jean Catherine Hudgins of Virginia Beach, VA; brother, Eugene Sherrod Fulghum, Jr. and wife Pat of Rome, NY; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services were held at Aurora United Methodist Church, Aurora, NC. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Hwy 39 North in Louisburg, NC. FFFNA Database ID # 1630)

Maxine Simpson Fulghum, 85, of Memphis, TN died 15 February 2009 at St. Francis Hospital. She retired from the VA hospital and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. She is survived by a son, Craig A. Simpson, grandson Josh Simpson, great-granddaughter, Zella Simpson, three step-daughters; Mara Sprott, Carol Fox and Anne Ontiveros, six step-grandchildren, two brothers, Dr. Charles Ainley, and Dr. Bill Ainley, one sister Edna Hopkins, daughter-in-law Sheila Simpson, sister-in-law Dorothy Farmer, 13 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Ainley, Sr., her first husband, Lonnie D. Simpson, Jr., son, Lonnie D. Simpson III, her second husband, George Fulgham, brother M.B. Ainley, Jr., and a sister, Reva Goggio. A memorial service February, 24 at First Baptist Church, Chapel, Memphis.

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In Memoriam

Gerald E. Fulgham, 74 of Emporia, MS died at his home 14 February 2009. He was born on 20 August 1934 in Oktibbeha County the son of Anthony Champion Fulgham and Ila Reed. He married Elizabeth Golden.

Mr. Fulgham was retired from the U.S. Air Force at the rank of Master Sergeant and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He also retired as a security guard from the North Mississippi Medical Center-Emporia. He was a member of the Lollars Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Golden Fulgham of Emporia; one daughter, Trudy F. Shoemaker of Brandon; two sons, Tracy V. Fulgham of Union Town, PA., and Todd A. Fulgham of Emporia; two sisters, Joyce F. Shurden of Starkville and Hilda F. Peay of Rolling Fork; and three grandchildren.

Services at Oliver Funeral Home. Interment in Lollars Grove Cemetery. (FFFNA ID # 9802)

Joe Coleman May, age 94, died at home in Evans, Georgia on 12 December 2007.

Mr. May was born to Mable Groves May and Dr. Ellis Roberts May in Lincolnton, (Lincoln Co.) GA on 13 May, 1913.

Joe married Pauline Bryan of Riddlesville, GA on 13 September of 1941. Pauline was the daughter of Amanda Ophelia Fulghum Bryan and William Gainer Bryan

Joe was a Civil Engineer, having graduated from The Citadel in 1934 with a B.S in C.E.. He entered the U.S. Army as a First Lt. In WWII. He later retired from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. May was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Pauline and three of his brothers. (FFFNA ID # 153 also 19114)

Other Death Notices

Edward Fulghum, 90 died 21 February 2009; Bolivar, TN.

Robert D. Fulghum, 71, of Maryland died in December 2008. (FFFNA ID # 10710)

In Memoriam

Pauline Bryan May, age 88, died at her home in Evans, GA on 14 July 2007. Pauline May was born in Washington County, GA on 28 September 1918 to Amanda Ophelia Fulghum Bryan and William Gainer Bryan.

Pauline married Joe C. May on 13 September 1941 in Washington Co., GA.

As a young woman, Mrs. May worked in the county agricultural office in Sandersville, GA. And as a draft Board clerk for Jenkins, Jackson and Banks Counties. Later, she enjoyed homemaking, golf, bridge, church and community activities. When living in Atlanta, her greatest interest was her church, Westminster Presbyterian, where she worked diligently as President of the Women of the Church.

During WWII, Pauline joined her husband through a number of stateside military assignments. After the war, the couple resided in the Georgia cities on Millen, Elberton, and Jefferson. In 1957, the Mays moved to Wilmington, NC and in 1968 to Atlanta, GA. They enjoyed a second home in Sky Valley, GA. In 2001, they left Atlanta for the Brandon Wilde Retirement Community in Evans, GA.

Mrs. May was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Hattie Ruth Herman and Janie Avrett Brett; and her brothers, William, Jacob, George, and Albert Lee Bryan. Her husband, Joe May died five months after Pauline.

Both Pauline and Joe May donated their bodies to the Medical College of Georgia. A memorial service was held in the Georgia Room at Brandon Wilde Retirement Community in Evans, GA. (FFFNA ID # 136)

Shirley V. Fulgham, 74, of Hamburg, Arkansas died on 30 January, 2009 at the Golden Living Center in Crossett. She was born in Damascus, Arkansas daughter of the late Johnny and Annie Terry Ward.

Shirley was a resident of Hamburg for the past 42 years. She was a homemaker and mother to many, having had a daycare center in her home for many years. She was a member of Gardner Baptist Church.

In Memoriam, Continued

Shirley V. Fulgham, continued
Shirley is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dewayne Fulgham; three sons, Michael Fulgham of Hamburg, Anthony Fulgham and wife, Lisa of Little Rock, and Terry Fulgham and wife Lisa of Hamburg; three brothers, Jerry Ward, Jimmy Ward, and Joey Ward all of Collins; three sisters, Patricia Case of Arkansas City, Sue Waldrop of Halley, and Linda Mattox of Cominto; six grandchildren, Shawn Fulgham and wife. Leslie of Hamburg, Alex, Lana, and Ross Fulgham all of Little Rock, Chelsea and Miranda Fulghum of Hamburg, and two great grandchildren, Brandon and Morgan Fulghum of Hamburg.

Memorial Service at Jones-Hartshorn Funeral Home, www.joneshartshorn.com.

Oscar Thomas Fulghum, Jr., age 79, died 14 April 2009 at his residence in Augusta, Georgia.

Tommy was the son of Oscar Thomas and Emily Elizabeth (Eudie) Kennedy Fulghum. He was born 16 May 1930 in Wadley, GA. He graduated from Georgia Military College and attended the University of Georgia. (For his professional career, etc. please see the Eulogy on pages 1 & 4.)

Tommy was first married to Jeanette Garrick in 1950. Second, he married Barbara Ann (Yenowine) Duffer in 1981. On 13 February 2000 Tommy married his third wife, Joan Fortner, who survives Tommy. Tommy is also survived by: his nephews, Hayward T. Fulghum and George H. Fulghum; nieces, Emily Fulghum, Susan Mason, Lisa Jensen; sister-in-law, Betty Fulghum; Great nephews and Great, Great nieces and nephews and a multitude of cousins. His parents predeceased Tommy. Funeral services 17 April 2009 at the Louisville Methodist church and Interment in the Louisville, City Cemetery, Louisville, GA. (FFFNA DB ID # 381)

Despite severe physical handicaps and several personal disappointments, Tommy Fulghum worked hard and always maintained his good business sense, his love of family, friends and coworkers, as well as his remarkable drive and enthusiasm for all of his interests.

Reunion Program

Friday, June 26	REGISTRATION	Hospitality Room⁽¹⁾	3 – 5:30 PM
	Dinner and President's Reception		6 – 9 PM
	Speaker: Jeff Fulgham, Director, U. S. D-Day Memorial		
Saturday, June 27			
	Board of Directors Breakfast meeting⁽²⁾		8 – 9:45 AM
	Presentations:		
	<i>History of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association</i> by Jim Fulghum		10 – 11 AM
	<i>Problem Solving in Genealogy</i> , by Judith Linenfelser		11 AM.-.Noon
	Lunch		12 - 1:00 PM
	Caravan to Bedford, VA to the U.S. National D-Day Memorial^(3,4)		1:00 - ? PM
	Searching the FFFNA Database for your Ancestors^(3,4)		1:30 - ? PM
	Banquet⁽⁴⁾		6 – 8 PM
Sunday, June 28			
	Breakfast		8 AM
	General Meeting of the Family		9 – 10 AM
	Family Worship Service		10 AM
	Departure		

(1) Hospitality Room will be open each evening from 7 to 10 PM

(2) Board of Directors Meetings are open to all family members who wish to attend and hear the Boards in action.

(3) Attendees have the choice of Searching the Database or the Caravan to the D-Day Memorial.

(4) There will be a short Internet session after the banquet for those who wish to attend both the Database session and the D-Day Memorial trip.

O.T. Fulghum., (continued). In 1999, Tommy was attending a class reunion in Wadley and struck up a conversation with his school sweetheart, Joan Fortner. They were married in February 2000. Tommy contracted shingles in 2001 and continued to suffer with the subsequent pain the remainder of his life, but with the love and caring of Joan and his vision for his businesses, he was able to maintain his drive and focus. He also continued his charitable work. He followed Joan and became a loyal member of the Louisville United Methodist Church. Tommy and Joan loved entertaining, whether customers from Japan, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, Canada, office Christmas parties, or just small dinners with their closest friends. Tommy was a member of the Augusta Country Club, the Pinnacle Club, and was an avid, supporter of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Association. His businesses were his hobby, but he loved fishing whether it was in the Ogeechee River or on a sunny Thursday afternoon with his closest friend, Fred Sims, in his pond. He took every opportunity to host a fish fry. For those business leaders that dealt with Tommy knew him as a man of his word, a man of honor. They knew of the quality of the product he manufactured, and the integrity of providing the customer with more than they expected. For those employees who worked for him and along side him, they knew Tommy as a gentle and kind man, a caring man for everyone in his organizations and their families, a generous man, but someone who expected to receive as much as he had given."

Editor's Note: I am told that much of this eulogy was from material written by Tommy.

Taken from an obituary published in *The Augusta Chronicle* on 4/16/2009.

Tommy was a leader in , and an avid and generous supporter of, the Fulgham.-Fulghum Family National Association.