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F A. Maddox, Jr. (Judge) has passed away on September 20, 2017 after a brief illness at his home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Barbara Dickson Maddox, children Rodney Maddox of Memphis, Jim Maddox of Memphis, and Katie Heffernan also of Memphis. He leaves seven grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Mr. Maddox was born in Birmingham, AL; on June 8, 1926 to Lillian VanDevander Maddox and Fontaine Alexander Maddox, Sr. In 1930 the family was forced to return home because of financial difficulties caused by the Great Depression to Easonville, AL, located on the Coosa River south of Pell City, AL. There he was raised with his younger sister, Lillian, and a host of grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. By 1940 the families fortunes had improved and they moved back to Birmingham. Mr. Maddox graduated from Phillips High School in Birmingham in 1944 and was immediately sucked into WWII. In June of 1944 he joined the Naval Air Force and qualified as a bombardier on a B24. He was in San Diego, CA, 2 days from deployment to the Pacific Theater, when the US dropped the atomic bombs on Japan. In the fall of 1946 he was discharged from the Navy and enrolled in Auburn University. There he met his wife, Barbara Ann Dickson of Birmingham who was also at Auburn. They were married on November 11, 1950 and moved to Memphis to work in his father's business, Tri-State Mack Distributors. In 1962 he was named president of the company and led the organization until his retirement in 1995. Under his leadership the company grew from one store in Memphis to five stores in three states. Mr. Maddox was an avid big game hunter and had hunted all over the world. He had one of the largest trophy rooms in the Memphis area. He was a long time member of the Shikar Safari Club and served as its president in 1978. He was the chairman of the club's conservation endowment which raised millions of dollars for wildlife conservation causes. He was also an avid fisherman and waterfowl hunter and hosted an annual pheasant hunt in



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southeastern South Dakota for over 40 years. He was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his years of fund raising efforts. He was also a founding member of Wesleyan Hills Methodist Church and a passionate supporter of Auburn University. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, September 22 at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. His funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 23 at Wesleyan Hills United Methodist Church with interment to immediately follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be made to either Wesleyan Hills United Methodist Church, Church Health Center, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901)767-8930 "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall".



Tribute Wall

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MA

Maddox sent a virtual gift in honor of Fontaine.

Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Fontaine Maddox,

October 28 at 8:38 AM



JL

Joe Lyle posted:

I'm sorry I couldn't be there. My prayers are with you all. We've been through a lot together. I think of you as family since I've known you all since 1952. If you ever feel like talking and remembering, call me. Sincerely, Joe Lyle

September 22 at 2:48 PM

JW

James Wood posted:

He leaves behind a legacy. Prayer and thoughts with your family.

September 22 at 5:59 AM

MS

Melissa Stephens posted:

What a wonderful tribute to him. I wish I had gotten to meet him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

September 22 at 3:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Fontaine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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