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Mr. Grant Allen Paris, 81, passed away on December 26, 2024 in Jacksonville, Alabama at the Jacksonville Nursing home after a long illness. A service will be held on January 12, 2025 in memory of both Grant and his late wife, Carolyn Ann Curry Paris (dec. July 22, 2023) at the First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville at 2:00 pm with Visitation starting at 1:00 pm. Honorary pallbearers include his friends, the Romeos, and the men of the Jacksonville FUMC Chancel Choir.

He was a Calhoun County native but graduated from Headline HS in East Point, GA in 1961 and was a graduate of Jacksonville State College with a Music Education degree having played trombone in the Marching Southerners. He sang in both the A cappella Choir and the Chamber Singers.

He taught a short time as a 4th Grade teacher prior to his study of law. He graduated from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. After being a self-employed attorney in Jacksonville, he was associated with a Law Firm in Anniston AL. He served as an attorney for a long time with both the City of Jacksonville and later for the Anniston First United Methodist Church. Friends described him as a respected member of the legal profession and citizens had much confidence in him as the city attorney. One attorney who knew him well commented that he was a “fierce defender of the City of Jacksonville. Always a man of integrity.”

He and his wife, Carolyn (Curry) Paris were always active serving their churches in many ways. They were both committed Christians always choosing to sing in church choirs, be members of Sunday School classes and serve in special ways. He was a well-respected choral director



serving several churches which include Union Methodist Church of Wellington, FUMC in Piedmont, Al, FUMC in Jacksonville as well as being a member of the Chancel Choir at the Anniston FUMC. He played trombone for a short time with the civic ensemble, the Cheaha Winds.

Grant was not only a talented musician but an intellectual ready with a funny story or a joke to share. He was known by all for his unique humor. He was interested in many and varied pursuits and hobbies from traveling, square dancing, and supporting church and community group projects. As a business man he owned rental property in Jacksonville handling all repairs himself. Early on he owned a Candle Shop on the Jacksonville Square. He owned a 1929 Model A Ford which he worked on every time he drove it which included his participating in local parades. He was also known as a Certified Handyman who in his later years was involved in difficult renovation projects in their historic home. He was always willing to share these skills with his friends and neighbors when they needed his help.

Traveling and especially camping with close friends at their favorite locations in the South was a highlight of their retirement. They frequently stopped to shop at antique shops and to enjoy the many restaurants along the way. He loved to shop for tools and unusual objects of interest. They frequented Crossville, TN to attend theatre productions, visited their Amish friends in Holmes County, OH and camped often with close friends near West Point, GA on the river.


He is survived by stepchildren, Angela (Trent) Kuykendall of Auburn, AL and Alan L. Paris of Jacksonville, AL; grandchildren, Kristyn Kuykendall, Sean Kuykendall and Macy Kuykendall; great-grandchildren, Kinsley McCain, Amelia McBurney and Phoebe McBurney.


Mr. Paris is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Carolyn Curry Paris, his parents, Howard and Georgia Waterhouse Paris, and two sisters, Rachel Barge and Georgia Lee Jobson.


In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jacksonville First United Methodist Choir Fund.

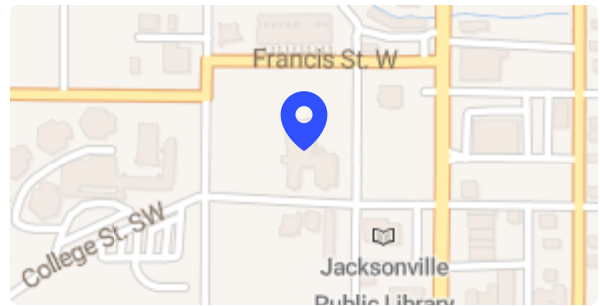


Visitation


 **Sunday**, January 12, 2025

 1:00 PM CT


 **Jacksonville First United Methodist Church**
109 Gayle Avenue SW, Jacksonville AL 36265

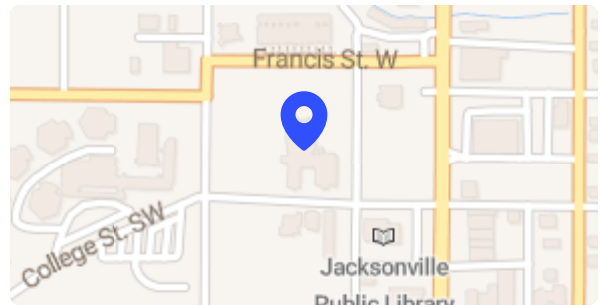


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Jerry Smith posted:

Rest in peace ole buddy. Enjoyed those many breakfast visits at Jacks.

January 8 at 8:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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