



Sgt. Paul M. Reese

September 19, 1953 - May 18, 2010

A Celebration of Life for Milledgeville Police Sgt. Paul M. Reese age 56 will be conducted Sunday at 3 pm in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The family will be at the funeral home Saturday afternoon from 4-6PM to receive friends.

Paul Marshall “Saddog” Reese passed away late Monday Night May 17, 2010 after a 3 ½ year battle with colon Cancer surrounded by his wife, son and loved ones.

Paul was born September 19, 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio to the parentage of the late Paul M. Nelson, Sr. And Joyce Jones (Reese).

He attended the public school system of Cuyahoga County until his graduation from John F. Kennedy High School in June of 1971. After which he moved to Georgia in 1974. He made his home first in Sparta, GA then in Milledgeville until his death. On April 27, 1986 he married Gladys Watson, to whom he brought much love and joy. He was not only her husband and companion but truly her best friend. Paul loved the saying “grow old with me, the best is yet to be.” He brought to his marriage all the best and more!

Paul was a loving devoted husband and father. He was very friendly and

outgoing, Paul never met a stranger. All who met and spoke to him left calling him Friend. When asked what he most wanted to be remembered by, he stated, "Just say: I always tried to treat people the way I wanted to be treated!" With a heart as big as Paul possessed, surely he had no problem accomplishing this!

Paul started out working as a patrolman for the Forsyth, GA Police Department. Later he worked 11 years as a Correctional Officer with the Prison System, finishing up as a CO II. Later he landed his dream job at the Milledgeville Police Department, where he worked for 24 years until his death. He truly believed in it's motto "To Serve and Protect."

Paul leaves to morn his passing wife Gladys Watson Reese of Milledgeville; son Charles L. Rawls of Conyers; parents Joyce Reese and the late Fred Reese of Cleveland, OH; father the late Paul M. Nelson, Sr. Of West Virginia; sisters Paulette Crosby of Cleveland, OH, Phylis Rhault of Largo, Fl, and Terri Nelson-Green of Euclid, OH; brother Peter Reese of Cleveland, OH; nieces Jennifer and Leilani Manuel, Sabrina Abrams-Harper and Angela M. Reeves; nephews Jason Manuel, Singleton Watson III, Boddy Watson, and Lawrence Watson, Jr.; brother-in-laws Singleton Watson, Jr., Jimmy Watson, and Tommie Watson of Milledgeville; sister-in-law Shirley Watson of Milledgeville; special devoted friends Gloria Solomon, Reenae Gray, Lizzie Dixon, Mary Mundie and Verdene Ross; and God-daughter Latonya Boddie (husband Michael).

Tribute Wall



“ I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD SO MANY NICE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT PAUL 'MY GOD-DAD' HE WAS A KIND AND LOVING HUSBAND,DAD & FRIEND.HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND FOREVER THOUGHT ABOUT.ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH...##imported-begin##LaTonya Youngblood Boddie##imported-end##

June 03, 2010 at 04:18 PM



“ Saddog you were always so kind to me, and I do not recall ever seeing you without a smile on your face. From when I worked at the Sheriff's Office to when I went to the State Patrol, you always gave me words of wisdom, and I will never forget them. It was an honor to know you and call you friend. You will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Danny Miller##imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Sgt. Reese back in 1995 at BellSouth Mobility & ATT. He was a gentle spoken man with a calm personality. He loved people and working in the community to keep it safe was his passion. The community will surely miss such a courageous and dedicated man. Rest in peace, Sarge. We're gonna miss you at the Exchange Bank...##imported-begin##Casey & Judy Youngblood##imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 04:22 PM



“ It was a pleasure working with Paul (Saddog) at Milledgeville PD from 1990 to 2000. He was a great person and officer. I am sorry his watch has ended. He will be missed by his fellow law enforcement and the community he served so well. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Tracy and Teri Harris##imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 12:05 PM



“ Our community will truly miss this honorable, brave and decent human being and all the gifts he bestowed upon it so graciously and with such humor and humanity. How wonderful it was to find that he headed such a loving and supportive family, who were the source of his strength and security. The legacy he left through his wisdom, dedication to service and the fine example he set is one that we hope the children whose lives he touched will aspire to living themselves. How much this world needed this wonderful man and the light he brought forth into it. He blessed the lives of everyone with whom he came into contact. His spirit and soul live on eternally to continue to bring that bright light into the community he served with dignity and especially to his beloved family. Peace be with you all.##imported-begin##Thelma C. Guaetta##imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 06:08 PM



“ Paul will be sadly missed! Very Nice peorson! RIP!!! WELL MISS you!##imported-begin##NATALIE and JESSICA##imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ Sgt.Reese always had a kind word and a smile on his face. He loved his job and it showed, they were days he was sick and some would have never known it. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co- workers RIP friend.
City of Milledgeville,
Public Works###imported-begin##Cindy Shope###imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Sarge when he came into Exchange Bank. He was a great guy and he will be missed. R.I.P.
Sarge###imported-begin##Jennifer Braswell###imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ A FRIEND WHOM WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH AND KNOW YOU###imported-begin##ken howell###imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. I met Sgt. Reese while working at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and at Relay for Life. He was a very nice person and will be greatly missed. God bless each of you during your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Patsy Spear###imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ You will hurt no more Saddog. It was a pleasure working with you for many years. We shared quite a few memories not long ago. You will be remembered fondly.##imported-begin##Jack Graham##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ Sgt "Sad Dog" Reese. You were always a cheerful person, and a good friend. I will miss the conversations we had, and everything you've done.##imported-begin##Paul Bernichon##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ saddog all the things you have done for from driving my son to the prom to giving the all advice i wont forget the things you said##imported-begin##Scott and Lisa Blizzard##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ I am truly sorry to hear of Sgt. Reese's passing. I met he and his lovely wife a few years ago at a City of Milledgeville Employee Recognition dinner. The next year he was the Honorary Chairperson at Relay for Life and I spoke with him at the meetings he attended. He was a very kind and gentle man that I am sure will be missed by many people. My prayers go out to his family to find comfort and peace in memories of his grace and strength.##imported-begin##Sherri Marshburn##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 09:41 AM



“ Rest well, brother...*##imported-begin##Andrew & Adair Wood##imported-end##*

May 20, 2010 at 08:51 AM



“ Sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. He is in God's embrace.*##imported-begin##Joy Brooks##imported-end##*

May 20, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ HE TRULEY WILL BE MISSED. HE WAS SUCH A GREAT GUY AND A FRIEND TO ALL.*##imported-begin##JACKIE PEARSON##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 11:27 PM



“ We would like to let you know you and your family are in our prayers.*##imported-begin##Rose/Phil Hartley##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 10:32 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Sgt. Paul worked with my nephew in the Junior Police Academy. He will be missed. You will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Kim, Karen, Nick, Britt Nolan##imported-begin##Kathy Nolan##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 10:28 PM



“ Sarge fought a good fight and has now received his prize. Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow. It was a pleasure to work with Sarge and I thank God for allowing me to cross his path. To Gladys and the rest of the family... "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." God Bless You!###imported-begin###Jacque Huley###imported-end###

May 19, 2010 at 10:09 PM



“ I am totally shocked to her of Officer Reese's passing. I had no idea he had been ill. It has not been too many months ago that I had spoken with him at Southside Drugs, and he seemed fine. He will be missed by many. But I know he is in a much better place.###imported-begin###MARGARET KINES###imported-end###

May 19, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ I met Sgt. Reese through Relay For Life last year. He was a remarkable honorary chair for our event. He lit up a room with his smile even as he told us of his battle with cancer. His sense of humor and positive approach to life was amazing. I feel privileged to have him touch my life for a while. He will be missed by the community who loved him.###imported-begin###Jan Nutt###imported-end###

May 19, 2010 at 07:00 PM



“ *paul was a very dear friend and was so kind to me when i lost my father in november. he will be missed and all my prayers and thoughts are with his family.##imported-begin##linda cheeves##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Alicea Clemmons##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ *Sgt Reese will be dearly missed by us at Exchange Bank. He was always smiling and he never complained even towards the end. He was such an inspiration and I was priviledged to know him. Sarge, Rest in Peace and know that we will miss you and we love you.##imported-begin##Kerry Chambers##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sad-Dog you will be missed.. We have been together for 24 years...God Speed##imported-begin##Capt. Dray Swicord##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I've known him since he started with MPD. He was a fine and respectable officer who cared for his community, especially the youth. I'm sure he left a positive reflection on many of those who came into contact with him. While the physical body is no longer present, his many memories will live forever.

Thanks for your service Paul. You served with honor...##imported-begin##Wallace R Moore##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ Sad Dog, you will be missed by everyone. I have never seen you without a smile and a hug waiting for me. You always brightened my day when I see you. I am glad to know you are no longer in pain. I love you and hope to see you again. R.I.P. Sarge MPD 25##imported-begin##Dana Meeks##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 10:58 AM



“ May God grant you strength and courage. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Milly Thompson Day##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 09:29 AM



“ I work at Charter and always enjoyed seeing Mr. Reese when he came in. He was a sweet man and will be missed.##imported-begin##Shannon Gardner##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ Sad Dog you will be missed so much by co workers and community. May you rest in peace and rejoice in HEAVEN. My prayers go out to family, TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WE LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE!##imported-begin##Nellie Adams##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 09:07 AM



“ I knew Paul when I worked at the credit union. He was always so kind and upbeat. I will miss him as will many others. I will hold the family up in my prayers.

Merel Harrison##imported-begin##Merel Harrison##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 09:07 AM



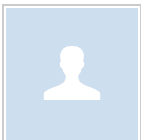
“ To the Reese family...God bless you all during this difficult time. Sgt. Reese was a wonderful man and human being. Heaven is brighter with him there.##imported-begin##Steve and Judy Ivey##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 08:20 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Robert Cheeves Jr.##imported-end##

May 19, 2010 at 12:24 AM



“ You rest now Paul. I know you will be sadly missed here but I also know heaven is sweeter with you there.##imported-begin##Wayne Brooks##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 09:54 PM



“ U will be greatly missed. Still can't believe you're no longer here but I'm glad ur no longer suffering. I love u!!!##imported-begin##keisha gray##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 09:23 PM



“ I met Sgt. Paul Reese when I was working as a newspaper reporter for The Union-Recorder in Milledgeville. I covered the Relay For Life 2009 when it was first given a new home off the 441 Bypass. Reese was humble - so humble he didn't even want his picture taken for the paper! But though he didn't make it easy in the end he knew it was for a good cause and good publicity and let me take his picture.

Mr. Reese seemed to me a very upbeat, calm, cool, collected and strong person. He never wavered and all the times I interacted with him or interviewed him -- almost always out in the field, sometimes even when he was still on duty -- I enjoyed my conversation and ended up with a well-written article. Paul was humble, yes, but he was also well-spoken, intelligent, and loved his job and his community. He never once made light of his situation with undergoing cancer treatments and always spoke positively of himself and his family. Never once did I see any sign that he was being taken down by his illness and never once did I find any indication that he would do anything else but continue in life. I was shocked and saddened to hear about his passing today but I know that the person I met and knew went down fighting and with the knowledge that, for one stand-out year at least, he was the face for inspiration and hope for not just hundreds, but thousands.

He will be missed.##imported-begin##Alexander Cain##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ Luv ya Paul. Thanks 4 showing me how 2 b a husband, a father, and a friend.##imported-begin##terell shinholster##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 08:13 PM



“ Sgt. Reese was unforgettable. We are going to miss him around here. God bless!##imported-begin##The Baldwin Bulletin##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 07:53 PM



“ Mrs Reese;
We were sad to hear of Mr Reeses passing. He will truly be missed by the Pharmacy staff at Kroger Pharmacy. Stay strong and call if you need us

Carla Woodall and Kroger Pharmacy Staff##imported-begin##Dana Bass##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 06:01 PM



“ Godspeed #25. You will be missed by all in the Milledgeville Community and the Law Enforcement Community.##imported-begin##Kelly Montgomery##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 05:45 PM