



Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming Sr.

February 16, 1927 - March 8, 2021

Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming, Sr., age 94, of Commerce passed away Monday, March 8, 2021 at Brookside Assisted Living. Mr. Fleming was born in Hartwell to the late, John and Nora Gilliam Fleming. Mr. Fleming was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Commerce and was a US Army veteran.

Mr. Fleming dedicated 37 years to the educational mission of helping students acquire the knowledge and life skills necessary to become productive citizens. He taught at Lula, Jefferson, Commerce and Jackson County High Schools during his career after receiving his BSA in 1950 from UGA. He later completed his Masters and Specialist degrees at UGA.

Hearing a success story of one of his former students is one of Mr. Fleming's greatest pleasures. His former students work in variety of agricultural careers. Five of his students carried on his calling by becoming Agriculture Education teachers.

Mr. Fleming set a standard of excellence for his FFA members that helped them bring home many awards. He had 76 students named state FFA winners. He coached nine teams to national FFA competitions including Public Speaking, two in Meats Evaluation, Land Judging, Livestock Judging and Dairy Judging. His students also won district honors in the Electrification, Forestry, and Parliamentary Procedure competitions. His FFA chapters

produced seven state FFA officers, four FFA scholarship winners, countless Georgia Planter Degree recipients, and eight American Farmer Degree winners. Mr. Fleming was always willing to share his tricks of the trade and ideas with other teachers that could make them more competitive.

Mr. Fleming was an active member of the GVATA. He served as president and vice president as well as on various committees. He was also selected to pilot the first Agribusiness program in Georgia and served many years on the State Livestock Show Committee. Jackson county residents raised funds to endow the annual "Hailey Fleming Agricultural Scholarship."

Mr. Fleming received the Honorary Georgia Planter and American Farmer Degrees. He was the Jackson County Teacher of the Year in 1981 and served as the Jackson County Vocational Education Supervisor for three years until his retirement in 1987.

Mr. Fleming was preceded in death by his wife, Runelle Jones Fleming. Mr. Fleming is survived by his sons, Al Fleming (Ann) of Commerce and Rev. John Fleming (Jeanette) of Jasper; sister, Johnnie Wilson of Lavonia; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, March 11th at 2:00 PM from Grey Hill Cemetery with Rev. John Fleming, Rev. David Sharpton, and Rev. Kathy Lamon officiating. Mr. Fleming's visitation room will be open at the funeral home Wednesday from 10-4.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his scholarship fund for any Jackson County youth interested in majoring in the agricultural fields: H.A. Fleming Trust Fund, c/o Gary W. Black: P.O. Box 1700 Commerce, GA 30529.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside at Grey Hill Cemetery
Clayton St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Haggard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming Sr.*



Elaine Haggard - April 09, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *This man saved me in so many ways. I still remember his teaching even today and loved him for his support for me. Thank you sir! Class of 1980, Jackson County High School*

John Sheuring - January 28, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Haley Fleming.*
—JCHS Class of 1984



Todd Dorsey - May 03, 2021 at 11:15 PM

BM

“ *Mr Fleming was such a wise man and totally dedicated to helping students become better citizens and he used FFA to accomplish that . He hired me in 1985 and I learned ms*

Billy Moss - March 11, 2021 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ *An amazing man. I looked up to him as an HS FFA member in neighboring Madison County. You would always see him at all the livestock shows or whatever FFA competition was happening. It was easy to tell his heart was in his vocation as a teacher and FFA Advisor. He would later hire me for my first agriculture teaching job in Jackson County (1984 - 1989) and be my first vocational director. That first year after beginning In July, he had a conversation with me to make sure I understood the role of supervising student projects. I still can hear him tell me, "Officially, you are allocated \$1100 for travel. If you haven't used that up by October, you aren't doing your job! But don't worry we will take care of you." He was right on both cases. I learned some very valuable life and teaching lessons from him. More of these lessons were walked than talked.*

Steve McCannon - March 10, 2021 at 07:36 PM

KC

“ Mr. Fleming was my FFA teacher through my incredible 4 years of High school. I can remember that smile everytime brought home a Grand Champion showing Cattle and First place 3 year a state for meat judging,Parliamentary procedure win at state. I remember So many long drives to, and those same long late drives home returning from livestock shows.
I will never forget the blast we always had during our week at FFA camp. Mr. Fleming and Most of us loved our RedMan chewing tobacco, and I still laugh today when I would dip Skoal,he would make that crazy face. He was much more than just my teacher, he was a close friend, and I will never forget him and all he incredible time we enjoyed. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

Kenny KC Carpenter,Jr. - March 10, 2021 at 01:44 PM

SC

“ Mr. Fleming made a scholarship that I received upon my graduation. The reason that I completed college, married, and have had a career of 20+ years in Agriculture Education is because of many mentors, and Mr. Fleming was one of them.
The simplicity of a kind word, encouragement, Mr. Fleming gave me put me on the right path many years ago.

Thank you Mr. Fleming, and my heart goes out to your family.

Respectfully,

Family of Shawn. S Collins

Shawn Collins - March 10, 2021 at 01:09 PM

LT

“ Hailey and Runelle were next door neighbors of my family on Jefferson Road! Always a gentleman is how I would describe Hailey... kind, caring, always willing to lend a helping hand to others. I have a mental picture of Hailey, Runelle, Bill, and Lorene at a table up there playing a game of bridge! Thinking of you, Al and John and your families. Many good memories I know!

Linda Walton Travis - March 10, 2021 at 09:40 AM

EM

“ I can still see you Dad's sweet smile. He was such a gentleman, an inspiration to his students, and a good friend of our family. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Evelyn Owensby McGavin - March 10, 2021 at 08:27 AM

BM

“ I AM SURE HE IS STATIONED BY THE OWL A TIME HONORED EMBLEM OF KNOWWLEDGE AND WISDOM AS HE HAS ENCOURAGED SO MANY TO PRACTICE BROTHERHOOD, HONOR AGRICULURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBITIES AND DEVELOPE THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP THAT EVERYONE SHOULD POSSES. R I P MR. HAILEY! JOHN AND AL, DON'T BE SELFISH BECAUSE HIS MEMORIES WILL BE HERE WITH US AND HIS LIFE IS ETERNALLY WITH JESUS. AS I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOUR DAD, I NOW WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOUR COMFORT.

BYRON MEDDERS - March 10, 2021 at 06:34 AM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of Hailey’s passing. Prayers to you, Al and John, and your families. 🙏🏻

Christina Barnett Crook

Cristina Crook - March 09, 2021 at 09:18 PM

LB

“ Johnnie, Al and John...you have my deepest sympathy in the fact you will indeed miss Mr. Hailey. It was a thrill for me to meet and become friends with him. We had several mutual interests to share conversations. God, Family, Hart County, Agriculture and Masonic achievements/lessons learned. All of these were to be shared and to leave things better than when you encountered them. He was 20 years my elder; a hundred times wiser and with understanding. Both of us completed Masonic milestones this year. Fifty years for me and seventy years for Mr. Hailey. We could talk about those years of learning for hours. A man of so much knowledge and wisdom. One who knew information was not knowledge. He cared and he shared. Family, I know he is spending eternity with His Lord. He told that story through his life and the fruit it produced. I too will miss him but I will also have Peace in the memories we made as friends.....So Mote It Be my Brother.



*Hugh Leslie Boles
Lavonia Ga*

Leslie Boles - March 09, 2021 at 09:04 PM

RS

“ *What a great instructor. I more useful skills in his class. A great leader of young men.*

Ricky Smith - March 09, 2021 at 09:01 PM

HF

“ *Heyward And Lynda Robertson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming Sr.*



Heyward and Lynda Robertson and Family - March 09, 2021 at 06:51 PM

HF

So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Heyward and Lynda Robertson and Family - March 09, 2021 at 06:53 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl L Mealor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hailey Alford Fleming Sr.*



Cheryl L Mealor - March 09, 2021 at 06:28 PM

KL

“ I'm so so sorry for your loss I was very close with hailey and I am so glad I got to be a part of giving him some wonderful last years of his life what a wonderful man he was he always called me his boy even though I'm obviously a girl 😭 but he explained how he used to do boy scouts and I was like one of his boys and I grew to love that so much ❤️ I will always miss him so so much I will feel different everyday walking into work knowing he's not there but I'm also so very happy he's is home and he is happy and in no pain I will always cherish our little conversations ❤️



Kaytee lane - March 09, 2021 at 02:01 PM