



John Bridgforth

November 3, 1917 - November 10, 2011

Mr. John Gatling "Jack" Bridgforth of Forrest City, Arkansas died at his home on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Mr. Bridgforth was born November 3, 1917 in Forrest City. He was the son of Lindsay Bridgforth and Elizabeth Gatling Bridgforth. Mr. Bridgforth attended Washington and Lee University and was a graduate of the University of Arkansas where he lettered in tennis and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was a charter member of the Forrest City Country Club, served on the bank board of the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas for fifty years, was a school board member and was a lifelong farmer and avid golfer. Mr. Bridgforth served on the Vestry and was a Senior Warden at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Mr. Bridgforth is survived by his wife of 72 years Sallie Dudley Bridgforth. He is also survived by a son, John Dudley Bridgforth and wife Beth of Forrest City; three daughters, Betty McCorkle and husband Ed of Arkadelphia, Sallie Hansen and husband Paul of Phoenix, Arizona and Lindsay Hodges and husband Dave of Forrest City. Five grandchildren survived him, Mary Lindsay White and husband John, Philip McCorkle, David Bridgforth, Mary Dudley Hodges and Elizabeth Hodges, along with two great grandchildren Asher and Philip White.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Burial will follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net.. The family request memorials be made to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 Hill Street, Forrest City, AR 72335. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family members of Mr. Jack. I think he was one of the most respected "gentlemen" in Forrest City. In my early years and until I left Forrest City, I never remember seeing him that he did not have a warm, smile and a cordial greeting.*

Dora Flanagin Jones - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

FG

“ *A truly gentle man.*

Father Keith A. Gentry - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

ML

“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. When I think of a "true Southern gentleman" his name is at the top of the list.*

*Sincerely,
Madge and Larry Katsoulis*

Madge and Larry - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

RL

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Jack. He was one of my favorite people in the world. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Randy and Harriet

Randy and Harriet Laws - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JR

“ Aunt Sallie Pearl and family,
I was so sad to hear about Uncle Jack. You are all in my prayers. I
have many fond memories of him and your whole family.
Love
Jean Mayes Robinson

Jean Robinson - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

LF

“ Aunt Sallie and family -

We were so sad to hear of Uncle Jack's passing. He was a true
Southern gentleman and a fine man. You are in our thoughts and
prayers.

Libbie Terry Dougan, Ginger O'Daniel Gage and family

Libbie Terry Dougan, Ginger Gage and family - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

NH

“ My heart goes out to the entire Bridgforth family. We have lost a true
southern gentleman. My dad and Jack were roommates in the
Kappa Sigma house at the UofA and remained lifelong friends. You
are all in my thoughts and prayers and I pray for your peace and
comfort each day. with loving prayers to each of you, Nannice
Honor

Nannice Honor - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JG

“ Jack always had the time to talk about our family history. He was a
true Southern Gentleman.

John Mark Gatling - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM