



Morris O'Quin

January 5, 1926 - May 21, 2012

Morris N. O'Quin Sr., age 86 passed away Monday, May 21, 2012 at his home in Forrest City, Arkansas. All that had an opportunity to know him knew him as a wise, generous, benevolent, and positive person. He was unwavering in his beliefs and put God, Family, and Church as his most important priorities.

Morris was born January 05, 1926 in Jayess, Mississippi, one of six children, to Samuel Oscar O'Quin and Rebecca Boyd O'Quin. The O'Quin's were farmers of cotton, corn, hay, and vegetables on their 30-acre farm.

Morris married Gloria Bass O'Quin of Parkin, AR on April 30, 1958 and celebrated 53 years of life together. They had two children Morris O'Quin Jr. and Karen O'Quin.

Morris was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Armed Services, serving in World War II and in the Korean War, rising from the level of Private to Corporal. In WWII, at 18 years of age, his unit, Company B of the 29th Infantry, served in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns where he fought in Germany and France from 1944 to 1946 as a rifleman and squad leader. He received the European/African/ Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He returned to fight in the Korean War from 1950 to 1951.

He attended Southern Mississippi Junior College for 2 years from 1947 to 1949, between the two wars. He completed his degree and graduated with a BS in Agriculture at Mississippi State University in 1952. He concurrently worked to support himself and pay for his education while in school. Later, he returned to University of Arkansas where he received his MBA in Agribusiness in 1978.

Morris went to work for the U.S. County Extension Agency in Cross County as a County Extension Agent and lived in Wynne, AR in 1952. He moved to Paris, AR in 1958 and took the County Agent position for Sebastian, County. During this time he lived in Paris, Fort Smith, and Russellville, AR. In 1969, Morris moved to Forrest City, AR and became the County Extension Agent for St. Francis County until he retired in 1982, with 30 years of service.

In 1982, Morris began a second career at the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas as a Vice President and Loan Officer. He worked for 20 years and retired at 76 years old, in 2002.

During this time he started his own Agricultural Crop Consulting Business, O'Quin Crop Consulting, and actively supported the farmers of St. Francis County.

Morris passionately participated in the First Baptist Church of Forrest City and served as Chairman of the Deacons and taught the Men's Sunday School, class for over 20 years.

He was a 60 year member and Master Mason of the Fraternity of Free Masons in the Pine Lodge No. 383 at Enon, Ms. He also served on the Board of Directors for First National Bank, Board or Directors of the Forrest City Lions Club, President of the Forrest City Lions Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, supported the 4H program of Saint Francis County,

and taught Agriculture Classes at East Arkansas Community College.

His son Morris Jr. and wife Gloria preceded him in death in 2010 and 2011. His daughter, Karen O'Quin and grandson Colin O'Quin of Atlanta, GA and his daughter-in-law Dana O'Quin and grandchildren Marrick O'Quin and Morgan O'Quin of Harrison, AR survive him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne, Arkansas. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 Friday at funeral Home. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *I met him via his son morros and the bank*

Jimmy couch - March 25, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Karen, Your dad was one of the most Godly men I have ever known. He was always willing to help someone in need. He will truly be missed. We will continue to pray for you and your family.*

Lisa (Munn) Long - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ *I Liked Mr. O'Quin. He was the in Lions Club for many years with me. He was also a Masonic Brother that we will drape the alter in the Lodge in his honor. I keep lossing friends, good family men and people who helped built Forrest City and St.Francis County. Morris is gone but he will not be forgotten. He was one of those men !(
Danny Capps)*

Danny Capps - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ I want to thank everyone for your support and outpouring of love for my father, Morris O'Quin.

I've had an opportunity for the last year to keep him at home and spend wonderful time with him. He lived a long and fruitful life and loved his friends in Forrest City and all over Saint Francis County.

There are many great memories of dad that I have heard that have made us all laugh and cry at the same time. He was quite a character.

*Thank you again for your friendship, love, and support,
Karen O'Quin*

Karen O'Quin - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. When I lived in Russellville, Mr. O'Quin was the County Agent, and I got to know him through 4-H activities. Then I moved to Forrest City to start my teaching career. I started working at Revco part-time, and worked with Karen. Love & Prayers--J.Wisbrock

Ms. Jackie Wisbrock - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ Mr. O'Quin was one of the dearest men. I will always remember him from my years as secretary at First Baptist Church. He was always so generous with his time for others and served our Lord so unselfishly. I know his family will miss him, but I also know that he is now in heaven with his wife and son. May God bring comfort to you all.

Debbie Trail Childress - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Morris O'Quin was my first boss. I was 18 years old when I went to work at the County Extension Office in Forrest City in June of 1970. I worked there eight years. During those eight years, I got married and had two children. I have fond memories of working at the County Extension Office. Mr. O'Quin loved his job working with the farmers, and the farmers respected him and depended on him for his advice in all matters concerning agriculture. He will be missed and will be remembered by a lot of people.*

Teresa Duett Howell - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Our family first became acquainted with Morris in Paris, Arkansas, and developed a long friendship which continued through our years in Forrest City. He was dearly loved by all of us. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family.*

Neva O'Brien, Lisa and Andrea - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *I retired from the City Of Forrest City after 25 years of service as a Code ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. I knew mr.O'Quin when he worked for the County Extension Office, when he retired from that and went to work at First National Bank. I shall surely miss him*

Chester & Pat CFrossen - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM