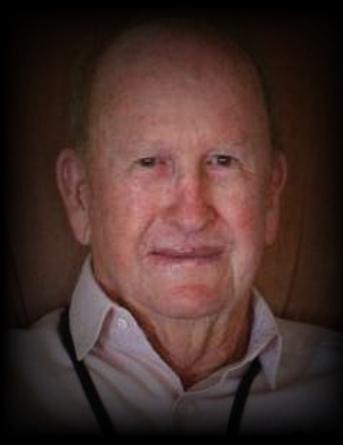


MEMORIALS

James A. Hughes 1931-2014



The TREASURE Forest family in Alabama has lost another beloved member. James A. Hughes, Houston County TREASURE Forest landowner, passed away on July 23, 2014, at the age of 82. He not only practiced good stewardship, but also encouraged others to do the same. Anyone that ever heard Mr. James Hughes speak could have no doubt as to how much he truly loved the TREASURE Forest program and believed it was indeed making the world a better place for current and future generations.

A native of Cottonwood, Alabama, Mr. James Hughes served in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school and then attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) to study electrical engineering. Following his graduation in 1958, Mr. Hughes began work with Georgia Power in Macon and later Jonesboro, Georgia. The first year he lived in Jonesboro, he was chosen Outstanding Young Man for his multitude of community service activities, including involvement in the United Methodist Church, scouts, and Little League baseball.

Mr. Hughes returned to Cottonwood in 1962 to serve as head of the Bank of Cottonwood. Under his leadership, the bank grew and a new facility was built under his direction, opening in 1974. After 18 years of service at the bank, he began to manage the farm holdings of W.M.

Lewis, Jr. and became a renowned tree farmer. An eager learner and a gifted, caring teacher, Mr. Hughes was known across Alabama for his stewardship of all natural resources.

In 1986, then Alabama State Forester C.W. (Bill) Moody established the “State Foresters TREASURE Forest Advisory Committee,” naming landowners James Hughes and Dan James as key original members. When this Committee was eventually converted to become the Board of Directors of the Alabama TREASURE Forest Landowners Association, James Hughes was named its first president. The significant contributions of these gentlemen and this committee have been recognized in the success of the TREASURE Forest program as well as the association’s impact on Alabama forestry and stewardship. Over the years, their leadership and enthusiasm set an example followed by landowners throughout the state.☝

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Charles B. Roberson 1931-2014



Lauderdale County TREASURE Forest landowner Charles Braden Roberson passed away on July 8, 2014, at the age of 82. A graduate of Lauderdale County High School, Mr. Roberson was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea, and a graduate of Auburn University. He enjoyed a successful and rewarding career as an entrepreneur in agriculture and property development. His tireless commitment to various civic clubs and volunteer organizations was well recognized in the community. However, his most cherished legacy is perhaps his dedication to the family’s forest. Adjacent to Joe Wheeler State Park, the Roberson Family Farm is located in the Rogersville community of Alabama. It was the host farm of the 2003 Annual Alabama Landowner and TREASURE Forest Conference tour. The theme that year of “Focus on Our Families” was most

appropriate as he, his wife, his sister, and her husband lead four generations in working the family tree farm, transforming it from cotton and hay to more than 500 beautiful acres of planted pine, planted and natural hardwoods, and wildlife habitat.☝



Charles Roberson in deep concentration as he feeds pines seedlings into the tree planter.