



## Irvin Gant Angel

October 26, 1924 - June 19, 2020

Irvin Gant Angel passed away June 19, 2020 at home surrounded by family.

A private family interment will take place and a memorial with a reception is planned for a later date due to the Covid virus.

Irvin was born October 26, 1924 in Stokesdale, NC to William Ashby and Mozel Gant Angel. He attended Stokesdale High School and after completing one year at Oak Ridge Military Academy was drafted into the Air Corps in 1943. He was trained to be a radio operator/gunner on a B-17 bomber attending radio school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and gunner training in Yuma, Arizona. He was stationed in Italy flying in the 15th U. S. Air Force. He was involved in battles and campaigns in North Apennines, Po Valley and Rhineland where he was awarded the Victory Medal World War II, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, American Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

After Irvin's release from the Air Force in 1945, he joined his oldest brother's Plumbing and HVAC company in El Monte, California where he worked and trained under the watchful eye of his brother, Wake, learning the trade.

In 1947, Irvin and Helen Jones were married in the Summerfield United Methodist Church. After a couple of weeks, he and Helen moved to El Monte where they remained until 1951 when they moved back to Greensboro at which time Irvin joined Benner & Fields Plumbing and HVAC Company. His position there tested his skills taught to him by his older brother and gave him every opportunity to succeed. He became president of the company in 1968 and retired after 61 years of service during which time he led the company to become a highly respected mechanical contractor throughout the Southeastern United States. He was a multi-engine instrument rated pilot and utilized an airplane to visit the company's jobs in progress.

Irvin became a member of Muirs Chapel United Methodist Church in 1952. He was a member of the Guilford College Lions Club, President of the North Carolina Plumbing Heating and Cooling Association for one year, Chairman of the Oak Ridge Society Foundation 15 years and a Boy Scouts of America plumbing examiner. He was the NC Employer of the Year for the National Guard.

Irvin was a pretty good golfer and shooting 5 under par for the last four holes at Sedgefield

Country Club was something he liked to brag about. He served as president of Sedgefield Country Club for one year and served as a liaison between the club and the Jaycees for some of the PGA golf tournaments held there.

Irvin and Helen were blessed with two daughters, Ashley and Janice, and later two grandchildren, Geoffrey and Lauren, who were born to Janice. In addition to his parents, Irvin was predeceased by his 2 brothers, Wake and Victor; 5 sisters, Willie Angel, Audrey Bray, Suemont Friddle, Elizabeth Friddle and Peggy Cook.

He is survived by his wife 72 years, Helen Jane Angel. Daughters Ashley Angel (John), and Janice Hoeche (Klaus); 2 grandchildren Geoffrey Haigler and Lauren Smith (Justin); great-grandson, Colton Smith; brother-in-law Norman Cook and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family appreciates the care given to Irvin by his loyal caretakers, Manuel Sanchez, Zoila Sanchez, Deborah Galloway, Jean Fitz and Rita Barr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Children's Home Society of NC, 604 Meadow Street, Greensboro, NC, 27405 or a charitable organization or ministry of the donor's choice.

Forbis and Dick North Elm Chapel is assisting the family.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Irvin passing away. A great gentleman and my sympathies to Janice and her families. N815BF is in my logbooks with many great memories...

**Robert Fricke** - June 25 at 02:16 PM

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“ I was very fortunate to work for Irvin Angel for 25 years at Benner & Fields. He believed in hard work and giving back to others. He looked out for his employees. Many did not know the things that he did for those in need. I am sure that God welcomes him into his loving arms.

Helen, Ashley and Janice, I pray for God's peace to you in this time of great loss.

Janice Ellis Freeman

**Janice Freeman** - June 23 at 02:31 PM

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“ Irvin and my father, Pete Yow, were great friends through business and Sedgefield Country Club. In fact, they shared a locker there for many years. Of course, I got to know Irvin growing up. He was another of those role models of the Greatest Generation that we all were so lucky to have in our lives. I pray that God provides His presence to you in these and all times.

Bob Yow, Clinton, NC

**Bob Yow** - June 22 at 10:20 AM

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“ I owe my whole career to this brilliant man. He was the best boss and friend ever. God bless his family during this trying time. Praying for all of you.

**Susan Berry** - June 22 at 08:36 AM

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“ Robin Westmoreland Gauldin lit a candle in memory of Irvin Gant Angel



Robin Westmoreland Gauldin - June 22 at 08:33 AM

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“ Mark And Cathy Greeson lit a candle in memory of Irvin Gant Angel



Mark and Cathy Greeson - June 21 at 02:28 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irvin Gant Angel.



June 21 at 01:40 PM

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“ Georgia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Irvin Gant Angel



Georgia Johnson - June 21 at 12:03 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Irvin Angel. I have known him all my life and always found him to be kind, cheerful and incredibly intelligent. He valued learning and hard work, as well as good conversation. Even when I was a little girl he never spoke down to me. He was an encourager. He was a good man. The last time I saw the Angels was at Muir's Chapel UMC few years ago before my own mother died. I was so happy to see them, and they both gave me hugs.

Helen, I send you my love and deepest condolences, and pray that you find comfort and peace from the many memories you have of your lifetime with Irvin. Ashley and Janice, I know this is a very difficult time. I love you both.

Rest in Peace Irvin Gant Angel. May angles sing thee to thy rest.

Julee Fortune Marshall

**Julee Fortune Marshall** - June 20 at 10:00 PM

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“ We are heartbroken to learn of Irvin’s passing. He was a great man and it was such an honor to serve with him on the board of The Oak Ridge Society Foundation. He did so much for so many and will truly be missed. GODSPEED, Irvin...

**David and Kathy Linville** - June 20 at 05:03 PM