



*Mr. Robert Theodore  
McGimsey*

**Dec. 5, 1929 - March 3, 2009**

Mr. Robert Theodore McGimsey, 79, of Morganton, NC, passed away March 3, 2009 at Grace Hospital. Born December 5, 1929 in Lenoir, NC, he was the youngest child of Bertha Deaton and the late Gamewell Charles McGimsey. Bob was educated in the Caldwell County schools, and played first-chair cornet for Captain Harper's legendary Lenoir High School Band. After graduating from Lenoir High School in the Class of 1947, he enrolled at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the University Concert Band, and the freshman wrestling team. After a year, he interrupted his studies to serve in the U.S. Air Force, first serving in Denver, CO, and then in Japan. While on duty in Tokyo he married Emily Jane Reid of Asheville, NC. After his discharge, the two returned to Chapel Hill where Bob completed his studies in accounting. He graduated in 1956 and began his career in accounting with Smith & Grisette & Co. in his home town of Lenoir. After passing the CPA exam, he moved his family to Morehead City, NC in late 1958 and became a partner with the Josiah Bailey Firm. He returned to Smith, Grisette, and Beach in Lenoir the following year. In 1966 he opened the Morganton office for the firm, and in 1970 became a Senior Partner in the re-organized firm of J.A. Grisette & Co., which subsequently merged with international firm Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells in 1982. Bob managed their Morganton office until he retired a partner of Deloitte & Touche in 1985. After retirement Bob played golf, attended his beloved UNC Tarheels basketball and football games and still enjoyed "office hours" at Lowdermilk Church & Co. accounting firm.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he was a former member of the Finance Committee and Administrative Board, Mimosa Hills Golf and Country Club where he served as Treasurer, former member of the Lions Club, and Burke Co. Chamber of Commerce. He was currently serving on the ABC Board and Board of Directors at the Bank of Granite. Bob was preceded in death by his former wife of 49 years, Jane Reid McGimsey, his father Gamewell Charles McGimsey, a grandson, Abel Riggan Pitts, a brother Charles Gamewell McGimsey, and a brother-in-law, Waitzel Burgess Smith, Jr. Surviving are his mother Bertha Deaton McGimsey of Grace Ridge, his wife, Patricia Sholar McGimsey; son Robert Gamewell McGimsey and wife Debra of Eagle River, Alaska, and son Gregory Theodore McGimsey and wife Dawn of Morganton, daughters Paige McGimsey Pitts of Morganton, Susan McGimsey Mainous and husband JD of Greenville, SC, step-daughter Laura Sholar Carlton and husband Bee of Clinton, SC, and step-sons Michael B. Sholar and wife Fran of Brentwood, TN, and John A. Sholar of West Palm Beach, FL. and twelve grandchildren and step grandchildren: Chelsea, Rachael, Daniel, Matt, Malea, Mitchell and Evan; Leigh, Lindsay, Claire, Olivia and Landyn and two great step grandchildren: Meg and Liam.

Also surviving are a sister, Rose Ann Smith of Lenoir, a brother, Richard Gibbs McGimsey and wife Rachel of Roanoke, VA, sister-in-law Bette Sherrill McGimsey of Lenoir; special family friends Anne Woodard, Ran Whitley, and Eric Sain, and numerous cousins, neices and nephews. A service of remembrance will be held 1:30 pm Friday, March 6th at First United Methodist Church in Morganton. The family will receive friends after the service. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 200 North King St., Morganton, NC.

Sossoman Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.