



## Lt. Colonel Fred Rector, Ret.

February 4, 1918 - July 27, 2011

Lt. Colonel Fred James Rector, Ret., 93, of 2700 North Highway 14, widower of Kathryn Howard Rector, died July 27, 2011 at his home.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late William and Queen Anne Vaughn Rector, he was a retired Lt. Colonel for the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service, where he was a POW in Stalag Luft #1 for 15 months during WWII. He was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service after 40 years of service and was a member of Greer First Baptist Church.

Surviving are two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Dan Ray. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park with full military rites.

Visitation will be held 3:00-4:00 p.m. Thursday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of Amy Tucker, 213 East Fairview Avenue, Greer, SC 29651.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Red Cross, Greenville Chapter, Attn: Mary Thomas, P.O. Box 9035, Greenville, SC 29604.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

(864) 877-3351

[woodmortuary@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodmortuary@bellsouth.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Rector Family,*

*I am sorry for your loss.*

*Uncle Fred's passing has brought back many childhood memories of he and aunt Kate.*

*Thank you for the love and care you have shown them over the years.*

*Respectfully grateful,*

*Alyson Orgera-McNamara(niece)*

*Windsor Locks, CT.##imported-begin##Alyson Orgera-McNamara##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Fred's passing. He and Katy were neighbors of my Mother and Daddy's for years, Bobbie and JB Hawkins. We thought the world of them and appreciated, always, the kindness Fred and Katy, both, extended to my family.*

*Blessings,*

*Lisa Hawkins Lynn##imported-begin##Lisa Hawkins*

*Lynn##imported-end##*

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August 04, 2011 at 04:41 PM



“ I WILL ALWAYS FONDLY REMEMER FRED AND KATIES AS TRULY WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND FRIENDS . FRED WAS A TRUE "SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN" IN EVERY WAY. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL OF THE FAMILY.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.. BECKY SPOONE, GREENVILLE SC##imported-begin##BECKY SPOONE##imported-end##

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August 04, 2011 at 04:21 PM



“ Amy, we are sorry to hear of your loss, in hearing your husband talk about Uncle Fred, we know you and your family will surely miss him. We would also like to thank him for his service to our country, God has prepared a place for him and one day we all will join him.##imported-begin##Diane Wyatt with C.C. Dickson Co.##imported-end##

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August 04, 2011 at 12:18 PM



“ The family of Col Rector. Back in the late 50's and early 60's I served with Col Rector In the USAF Res at Donaldson Air Force Base and served as a Radio operator on his flight crew, He was the Pilot, Wonderful Man and Pilot. Was sorry to see today that he had passed away. I will always remember that Man. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. I sure ya'll will miss this wonderful Man. He served his country well. May God Bless. Doug Wilson##imported-begin##Doug Wilsoin, Mauldin, SC##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ Thank you Col Rector for your service and sacrifices. You are truly a great American and all of us will forever be indebted to you. May you join God and all of the angels and other veterans in Heaven to enjoy eternity.##imported-begin##LtCol Stephen Hawkins, USAF (Ret)##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 08:03 PM



“ I know Mr Fred is rejoicing now with his lovely wife. They were special people and I know we will all miss his smile.##imported-begin##Azalee Jones ##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 05:23 PM



“ Although I did not really know Mr. Rector, my parents (Betty and Al Kennedy) did and thought highly of him. My uncle Wilson Dillard was also a POW in World War II, and I vividly remember when they were both honored at First Baptist Church during a July 4 celebration. I know he will be missed.  
Vicki Kennedy##imported-begin##Vicki Kennedy##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 03:57 PM