



## Richard Igou

August 23, 1944 - November 24, 2018

Alfred Richard Igou, 74, of Fort Payne, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, in Fort Payne.

Services will be Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at Fort Payne First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Miller officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from noon until 2 p.m. at the church's Christian Life Center. A private burial service will follow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlene and Dr. R.A. Igou, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Deema Bailey Igou; children, Christy (Matt) Brandon, of Fort Payne, Anna (Scott) Shinabargar, of Rock Hill, S.C., Ellen (Andy) Hardy, of Birmingham, and Alex (Lauren) Igou, of Huntsville; and sisters, Susan Long, of Fort Payne, and Mary (Ben) Shurett, of Mentone; grandchildren, Margaret-Bailey Turner, of Bloomington, Ind., Lili Brandon and Susanna Brandon, both of Fort Payne; Benjamin and John Carden Shinabargar, both of Rock Hill, S.C., Levi Igou, of Huntsville, and Ben Hardy, of Birmingham.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. His family and many friends will miss him greatly.

Mr. Igou was a 1967 graduate of the University of Alabama and earned his Juris Doctor degree there in 1970. He also completed the Career Prosecutor Course at Bates College of Law at the University of Houston in 1974.

Following graduation from law school, he returned to Fort Payne in 1971 and became an Assistant District Attorney. In 1976, he was appointed as the District Attorney to the 9th Judicial Circuit, which included DeKalb and Cherokee counties.

He was elected without opposition for three terms, in 1980, 1986 and 1992. He retired in 1996 and served as District Attorney in a supernumerary status for the last 22 years, including serving as a contract attorney for the District Attorney's office working with the Alabama Child Support Association.

He served the Alabama District Attorney's Association with distinction, serving in every leadership position and as president of the association.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or to the Robert Purdy Sunday School Class, Fort Payne First United Methodist Church, 206 Grand Ave., NW, Fort Payne, AL, 35967. Funeral Services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday from the Fort Payne First United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 12: Noon Tuesday in the Life Center of First United Methodist Church till the hour of service. Private interment services will follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Fort Payne  
206 Grand Avenue NW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

NOV 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Fort Payne  
206 Grand Avenue NW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Igou*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BE

“ *Deena and family, I am so sorry about Richard. He was such a kind person and especially to Mom. I love you all and wish I could have been there. When I heard, it was late Sunday and I was out of town. I just could not get there. Give the kids for me and know how much he loved u all! Your memories will give u peace.*

**brenda elmore** - November 27, 2018 at 06:55 PM

BF

“ *Dear Deema and Family,  
As your hearts are heavy, your tears are flowing and you feel an emptiness in your life, may you all find some comfort, peace and smiles as you recall and share the wonderful memories of your loving, kind, gracious compassionate husband, dad and grandpa, Richard. Richard was a true gentleman and friend. The kindness and friendship Richard extended to Tom, since high school, and to Grant and me is a cherished treasure that brought comfort and happiness to Tom and us. Richard made a lasting positive impact on our lives and those with whom he had contact.*

*May the Love and Peace of God surround you and carry you through this time of sadness and adjustments as you celebrate Richard's release from the suffering and limited bonds of this world and body and rejoice in his being blessed by the exquisite JOY in the Glory of Heaven. Richard lived his life as a true and faithful servant to God and mankind.*

*We all have been blessed to have known and been a part of Richard's life.*

*Sincerely,  
Bobbie Featherston and Grant Featherston  
With love from California*

**Bobbie Featherston**, - November 27, 2018 at 11:47 AM

CH

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Richard. He was always a gentleman. We will miss you at our class reunion but will look to see Richard at our heavenly reunion. Praying for the Igou family.*

**Connie Hillyer Hudgins** - November 27, 2018 at 11:10 AM

EB

“ Richard was one of my best friends all through high school and first year of college. He was always the most genteel person you would want to know. I moved away and lost touch until our high school reunions. When we connected again, he was still genteel, warm and friendly.

*Euell*

*I first met Richard at a high school reunion that Euell and I attended in the 1990's. I learned that he was the DA that prosecuted Judith Neely in the famous murder case. I had just read a book about that terrible crime, and had many questions for Richard. He was exceptionally kind, patient and informative. In the ensuing years, when we attended more reunions, I was always so glad to see and talk to Richard, thanks to his pleasant, friendly ways. He was a true gentleman, and I feel privileged to have met him.*

*Helene*

*We send our deepest condolences to Deena and family.*

*Euell and Helene Blackwell*

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**Euell Blackwell** - November 27, 2018 at 07:17 AM

FM

“ Fort Payne Depot Museum purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Igou.



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**Fort Payne Depot Museum** - November 26, 2018 at 11:08 AM

TT

“ The PlayCore Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard Igou.



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**The PlayCore Team** - November 26, 2018 at 10:12 AM

JW

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Richard's family. The Igou family has always been very special to me. After high school graduation, I was faced with the need to go to Freshman orientation at BAMA but my parents could not take the time to take me there because both worked and loss of work time meant a loss of money for the family.

Richard and Dr. Igou were so gracious in inviting me to go with them there and back. This enabled me to complete the necessary tests to enroll at BAMA. Without their help, I am not sure that I would have been able to complete the orientation and gain acceptance to BAMA. Dr. Igou was our family doctor and was the instrument to help me through my many injuries as a teenager in high school athletics. My injuries were many and my illnesses were more than the average teenager. From whooping cough as a freshman during basketball season to a cast for broken foot my junior year in football to my twelve stitches over the right eye from a curve ball that did not curve, also my junior year to the extremely great care Dr. Igou gave my father during his stay in the nursing home. Richard was always kind enough to offer me rides home from BAMA when I needed one during our time at BAMA. We shared times at BAMA the long hours of study during the inactive winter months. Richard was always upbeat and positive even in the no so nice weather from the smelly paper mill in Tuscaloosa. A true Gentleman in every aspect that I can remember. I feel truly blessed to have known Richard and our friendship during college days at BAMA. GOD BLESS RICHARD'S FAMILY.

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**JERRY WILLS** - November 25, 2018 at 08:45 PM

SL

“ Richard gave me my first job in law. He was a great mentor. I will miss him.

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**Scott Lloyd** - November 25, 2018 at 06:38 PM

CM

“ Deema and family,  
I am so sad that Richard is no longer with you. He was such a gentleman, always kind and pleasant. I am proud to call him my friend since our high school days. It was my privilege to be able to visit him at home a few weeks ago. I will cherish the memory of sitting by him in his lovely den with the fall sunshine lighting up the trees through the big windows and reminiscing about the “good old days”. He had a positive spirit that day and I pray he did until the end. God bless him and all of you.

With love, Carolyn Mills



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**Carolyn Mills** - November 25, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DG

*So sorry Richard is no longer with us. It is so sad to lose a dear classmate that you went to school with . My thoughts and prayers are with the Igou family. Richard was a kind, soft spoken and polite gentleman. God be with you. You will be missed.*

*Donnie Pair Garmon*

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**donnie pair garmon** - November 27, 2018 at 10:43 AM