

# Former water plant supervisor Goasa dies at 71



Goasa

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Charles F. Goasa always believed in helping others.

"He would do what he said he was going to do. He was always there," said longtime friend, Richard Bussey.

Mr. Goasa, 71, of Greenwood, the retired supervisor of Greenwood's water plant, died of heart failure Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Mr. Goasa had been a state and national leader in the Order of the Elks.

Mr. Goasa's family had another loss Saturday when his wife's mother, Mary Lenora Mabrey Miskelley,

died at age 99,

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also at the Baptist Hospital.

Services for Mr. Goasa will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wilson & Knight Funeral Home, and those for Mrs. Miskelley will be at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday at Evergreen Cemetery in North Carrollton.

Visitation for Mrs. Miskelley and Mr. Goasa will be from 5 until 7 this evening at Wilson & Knight.

Bussey said he and Mr. Goasa, a native of Leflore County, became friends while attending Greenwood

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High School. "We played football together. We did bird hunting together. We were the best of friends," Bussey said.

"Charles was a good friend and accommodating person to me," said another longtime friend, Charles Connell.

Prior to his career with the city of Greenwood, Goasa was the co-owner of Goasa's Roofing with his father, T.V. Goasa. He stayed with the business until his father's death.

Mr. Goasa had been actively involved with the Greenwood Elks Lodge No. 854, where he served as exalted ruler. He also had served as the president of the Mississippi State Elks Association and as dis-

trict deputy grand exalted ruler north for the National Elks Association.

He was a former member of the Greenwood Lion's Club.

In his later years, Mr. Goasa began raising cattle. The operation at one point involved as many as 200 cattle. "He was really crazy about his cows," Bussey said.

As his daughter, Mary Lynn James, and her husband, Kerry James, got involved in farming near Money, Mr. Goasa himself took a part in it. "He would run errands and so forth" to help out where he could, Bussey said.

Bussey said Mr. Goasa, no matter what, was always a family man first. "He thought the world of his family and his grandson."

Bussey said it was difficult to put into words what Mr. Goasa's friendship has meant to him. "I wish I could say more about him because there is a lot more to say."