



## Key to the City Recognition

Lamar Sexton, 86

Mr. Sexton was a member of the last graduating class of Cumming High School in 1955 (inside the historic schoolhouse on School Street), where he met his wife, Sara Frances Sexton, and they were married shortly after graduation.

Mr. Sexton began his professional life by hauling chickens to the Wilson Processing Plant (now Tyson's) in downtown Cumming. He also started the Cumming Dragstrip, located in the Ducktown community, and operated it for several years.

In 1964, Lamar and Frances moved to the City of Cumming. Lamar has lived in the same house, located just north of downtown Cumming, for the past 59 years. They had two children, Darla and David. Lamar then went into the paving business around 1966 and paved many of the roads in Cumming and Forsyth County.

In 1971, Lamar and Frances started LaFran Mobile Homes, which was located between Sawnee EMC and Andean Chevrolet. Around 1972, Lamar went into the Real Estate business and developed more than 35 subdivisions in Forsyth and Dawson County over the years.

Lamar served on the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC for 44 years, and the Board of Directors of The Peoples Bank of Forsyth County. Lamar and Frances, alongside their best friends Frank and Betty Coker, built and operated the Dinner Deck in the mid-80s and ran it until the late-80s, when Frances passed away from breast cancer.

In addition to his two children, Lamar now also has 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is the oldest living male member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, where he has been a member for almost 80 years.

Thank you, Lamar Sexton, for your many years of service to the Cumming community!