

## John "Reid" Akins Jr.

John "Reid" Akins Jr., 90, of Monroe, died on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011. He was born in Rutledge on Jan. 22, 1921, to John Reid Akins Sr. and Penny Claire Baker Akins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harry Akins.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Akins, of Monroe; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Piero Gusberti, of Monroe, and Jan and Wes Holt, of Woodstock; as well as five Grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Akins played football for both the University of Georgia and the University of South Carolina and earned a law degree from Atlanta Law School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired as director of labor relations and plant personnel for Lockheed Martin. He mentored numerous people throughout his lifetime, especially encouraging young people to pursue a college education.

There was a memorial service was held Sept. 14 at the chapel of Meadows Funeral Home with Wes Holt officiating. Burial followed at Rutledge City Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Byrd officiating.

Meadows Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Sign the guest-book at [www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com).

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