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Byron Trawick sold his famed boiled peanuts from a variety of locations throughout Dothan for decades. The son of sharecroppers, he learned at an early age to rely on the land, the Lord, and his own personal determination to succeed. At the age of 13, Mr. Trawick took the peanuts that he had pulled from the ground and began boiling them to the delight of his family and friends. Over the subsequent 68 years since that first batch, Mr. Trawick perfected his recipe

and gained great wisdom in “working for peanuts.”

In 1993 he established a vending site at a gas station on the corner of Highway 84 and Ross Clark Circle. Though the gas station closed a few years later, Mr. Trawick remained on

A fitting tribute from one Dothan **friend** to another

the site and people continued to stop and enjoy his boiled peanuts. Mr. Trawick said that there was no secret to his recipe for boiling peanuts: “First you have to get up early to start cooking, you’ve got to have green peanuts, and you must have a patient hand when stirring and adding salt.”

In 2005, the site was purchased as the future home of Friend Bank. Mr. Trawick was invited by the bank’s management to remain on the property to continue to sell his famed peanuts from an easily-accessible location to those traveling along Highway 84 and the Ross Clark Circle.

Sadly, Dothan’s “Peanut Man” passed away in early 2009. Shortly before opening last Fall, Friend Bank commissioned the creation of Dothan’s latest “Peanut Around Town” to honor Mr. Trawick on the busy corner where he served so many of the city’s people. The Peanut’s inscription reminds passing motorists of Mr. Trawick’s usual farewell to his customers, **“Have a good day and may the Lord ride with you.”** 

Top: Mr. Byron Trawick displays his famed boiled peanuts at his roadside stand in 2007.

Middle: Mr. Trawick’s daughter, Cynthia Franz, and other friends and family members attended the dedication of his “Peanut Around Town” in the Fall of 2009.

Bottom: Friend Bank President Joseph Johnson and State Senator Harri Anne Smith stand with Mr. Trawick’s widow during the unveiling of his Peanut Around Town.