



John Louis Avant

January 12, 1914 - September 12, 2011

AVANT, John Louis, 97, a resident of Prattville, Alabama passed away peacefully on Monday, September 12, 2011. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial with Dr. Rob Couch, Reverend Ed Henne, and Reverend Nelson Cash officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens, with Prattville Memorial Chapel directing. Mr. Avant was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was deeply loved and will be dearly missed. He was born in Eclectic, AL on January 12, 1914. Mr. Avant proudly served his country during World War II. Mr. Avant was a long time member of the Autauga County Farm Bureau Board. He was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of Prattville. Mr. Avant was active in the New Era Sunday School Class. He was known for being an avid Auburn fan. Mr. Avant was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Elizabeth "Sis" Yarbrough Avant; his parents, David Mack "D.M." and Leila Keith Avant; two brothers, Leonard and Leon Avant; and three sisters, Louise Avant, Mattie Knighten, and Alpha Mac Mullan. He is survived by two sons, David Louis (Mary Ellen) Avant, John Larry (Dianne) Avant; one daughter, Aletha Avant (Bob) Wilson; four grandchildren, Dave (Leigh Ann) Avant, Ellen (Andy) Bell, Betsy (Chuck) Burkhart, and Laurie Avant; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous other

relatives and many friends. Pallbearers will be Dr. Sammy Miller, George Walthall, Chuck Burkhart, Andrew Bell, Sr., Dave Avant, Jr., and Malcolm D. Smith. The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Prattville, 100 East

Tribute Wall

ED

“ *Aletha, I'm so sorry to learn about your dad. Mr. Avant was a Southern gentleman in every regard.*

Ed Rouze - December 06, 2012 at 05:52 PM

PF

“ *Although the pain will seem unbearable at times, please find comfort that there is a day coming when this earth will be filled with happy people and peace will be everywhere and Mr. Avant will be there to enjoy it. Psalms 37:10,11,29.*

PF - December 06, 2012 at 05:52 PM

MA

“ *Uncle Louis, to me, was truly a model man from the "Greatest Generation." He exemplified the values of respect for others, love and devotion to his family, loyalty and commitment to his country and community. In his quiet way, with that beguiling smile, I always knew that I had his undivided attention, even if it was riding in his pickup, out to check on the cows in the pasture. When I think of my childhood, some of my most cherished memories reflect back to our family vacations spent on the farm, with my special Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Louis. These memories whether shelling peas, calling in the cows, the barbeques or making his fabulous peach ice cream, Uncle Louis, always had time to include a little girl. For the gift of these very special memories, I will be forever grateful. To my cousins, may you find peace in knowing that both of your remarkable parents are together again, at home in heaven. Please our whole family's deepest sympathy. Love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Lanctot - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

LL

“ Uncle Louis was a true gentleman. I will always remember him taking us out on our first tractor rides and thinking how amazing it was that they lived on a farm!! I have such wonderful memories of going to visit them in Prattville as a child. More recently, I will never forget how very special it was that Uncle Louis and Aunt Elizabeth made the effort to come to my wedding. I enjoyed getting to visit with them and in some way it made me feel as though my gigi and papa were there with them as well. I was always amazed at how much my papa and Uncle Louis looked alike! I want you all to know how special Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Louis were to us and I do find some peace that after 71 years they are together once again. All of the Avant family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Lisa, Michael, Ethan, and Emily Lewis

Lisa Lanctot Lewis - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

JP

“ Mr. Avant will be missed. He was a true gentleman. Our condolences to his family

Joel and Pat Frederick - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

ER

“ I just wanted to let Larry, David, Aletha and all of the extended Avant family know that those of us who can not be there right now wish to send our very best. We are thinking of you. My personal memories of Uncle Louis always bring a great smile to my face and I think about the amazing things that he witnessed over his long life. I will never forget he and my grandfather telling me stories when I was a younger boy on our visits to Prattville.

Eric, Taylor, Tully and Merritt Lanctot

Eric Lanctot - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM