



Merlin C. Williamson

August 29, 1928 - October 31, 2011

WILLIAMSON, Merlin Clinton, 83, a resident of Prattville, AL, went home to Glory on Monday, October 31, 2011. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial, with Rev. Roger Parks and Navy Chaplain Fred McGuffin, Mr. Williamson's son in law, officiating. Burial followed in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial Chapel directing. Mr. Williamson was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Thomas and Velma (Smith) Williamson; three sisters, Irene Williamson Traylor, Clessie Williamson Denny, Frances Williamson; one brother, Doyl Williamson; two infant sons, Kenneth and Dennis, all of Carrollton, GA. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 64 years, Eula Mae (Cantrell) Williamson; two daughters, Phyllis (Shannon) Williamson Dyess of Monroe, NC, Wanda (Fred) Williamson McGuffin of Bartlett, TN; two sons, Danny (Dianne) Williamson of Prattville, AL, David (Wanda) Williamson of Prattville, AL; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brother, Maurice (Becky) Williamson of Columbus, MS; two sisters, Margie (Bob) Tucker of Carrollton, GA, Janice (Kenneth) Bailey of Rossville, GA; Brother in law, Grady (Frankie) Cantrell of Carrollton, GA, two sister in laws, Willie Myrl Cantrell, Mildred Cantrell Medina; and many extended family members, and friends. Pallbearers will

be W.C. Dyess, Daniel Dyess, Kenneth Williamson, Chad Nichols, Charles Chambers, Hunter Beasley and Bobby Brown. Mr. Williamson retired from Western Union in 1986 after 32 years of dedicated service. He loved the Lord and his family, and he was a faithful member, deacon, and treasurer at Grace Baptist Temple in Prattville for many years and then at Perry Hill Road Baptist Church in Montgomery. Merlin and Eula found a church home and worshipped at Heritage Baptist Church in Prattville until he became home bound. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping. Papaw loved to give his grandchildren and great grandchildren whisker kisses and taught them how his horse ate corn. He became an Auburn fan when he attended the home games for Western Union and loved to rib some of his children and grandchildren because they were Alabama fans and it made the football seasons more interesting and fun. During baseball season, he loved to watch and root for the Braves and Cubs. He never met a stranger and befriended everyone with his outgoing larger-than-life personality and loved to have his family and friends around him. Merlin was an avid lover of Southern Gospel music and enjoyed listening to his favorite group, The Inspirations, for many years. The family received friends at Prattville Memorial on Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family,
I was honored to be able to visit with Mr. Merlin in his last days. Although I hadn't known him as he once was, I realized how loved this man was. I thought about all the things he's probably taught his children and grandchildren. Tony and I pray that you will use this time to remember his influence on each life and how he would want you to conduct the rest of your own life. When there has been the loss of a parent, it's a good time to reflect and see if people would speak so highly of oneself as they did Mr. Merlin. I don't know the family well, but I believe this advice could be used by ANY family at any time.

I love you and I pray that you will all find healing power in the arms of our LORD! Time will heal the pain, but it won't erase those wonderful feelings you shared with him.

*In love,
Tony & Suzi Johnson*

Tony Suzi Johnson - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ Praying that God holds yall close and gives yall peace and comfort during this time. Please let us know if yall need anything.

Katie and Robbie Burns - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM

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“ We are praying the Lord will provide comfort to you and your family during your time of loss. We love you and are here when you need us.

Walt and Lisa Lilley - December 06, 2012 at 05:51 PM