



Bennis Ray Walters

July 18, 1947 - July 30, 2013

Bennis Ray Walters, 66, of Laurel, born July 18, 1947, died Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2013, at Freedom Baptist Church, with burial to follow at Oakland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Tommy Davis, Dr. Cary Kimbrell and Rev. Gerald Henderson will officiate. The body will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. Friday.

Bennis Walters founded Walters Construction Co., Inc. in 1979. His vision was to provide a quality and honest service to surrounding counties and communities. He started the business with one dump truck, one front-end loader, one secretary (his wife, Brenda Walters), and a contract with the local brick company (Laurel Brick and Tile). His vision and love for the company has been instrumental in the growth and success of Walters Construction Co., Inc. which now has a fleet of trucks and equipment with fifty plus employees. He has left the business in the capable hands of his two sons, Scottie and Bryan.

Bennis was a member of Freedom Baptist Church. His love for God and his family kept him active even after a stroke at 47 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Alma Lee Walters; and a great niece, Faith Elizabeth Walters.

Survivors are his loving and caring wife of 45 years, Brenda Gayle Johnston Walters; two sons, Scottie Ray Walters and wife Tommie and Bryan Daniel Walters and wife Amy; five grandchildren, Mason Walters, Logan Walters,

Makenzie Walters, Myles Walters and Anna Cate Walters; two brothers, Homer "Tally" Walters and wife Linda and George Walters and wife Annise; four nephews, Terry Walters, Kerry Walters, Ryan Walters and Justin Walters; and a host of other relatives.

Pallbearers will be sons and grandsons, Scottie Walters, Bryan Walters, Mason Walters, Logan Walters, Makenzie Walters and Myles Walters.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Howard, Mike Shoemake, Tally Walters, George Walters, Joe Smith and Tom Rushton.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorials be made to Relay for Life or the Youth and Children Ministries of Freedom Baptist Church or Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, August 1, 2013, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FS

“ *Brenda, Scotty, and Bryan, I'm sorry to hear the news about Bennis. May GOD be with you and your family in the days ahead. The Jesse A. Stroud family*

Ferrell Stroud - August 03, 2013 at 02:09 PM

VB

“ *We are saddened for you all for the loss of Bennis. You are in our thoughts & prayers now and in the days to follow, there will be tough days, but OUR LORD WILL GET YOU THRU. HE has said HE will not forsake us.*

Vernon & Anne Byrd - August 02, 2013 at 11:14 AM

MB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! You will be in our prayers. May God keep you strong during this time of sorrow.*

Mike & Renea Bailey - August 02, 2013 at 08:07 AM

JL

“ *Prayers for your family.*

Joe Pat and Freda Langley - August 01, 2013 at 11:18 PM

BF

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.*

Bob Davidson Family - August 01, 2013 at 09:55 PM

PI

“ Ms. Brenda, Scotty & Brian, So sorry to hear about Bro. Bennis. May it comfort you to know that Heaven has gained another angel to sing in the choir and that Daddy and the rest are there to give him the grand tour. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers! Trish

Patricia Thornton Irwin - August 01, 2013 at 05:47 PM

MC

“ To the families of Mr. Walters, We are sorry to hear of your loss. We did not know Mr. Walters, however our Son-n Law, Randy Jefcoat is one of the employees. His wife Rhonda is my daughter. Keep up your strength for each other and the Love of God and he will see you all through this sadden time.

With Thoughts and Prayers, Carl & Gayle Crowe

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Crowe - August 01, 2013 at 02:28 PM

BH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at your time of loss. Bennis was a very good friend and a very special person to all who knew him...he will be missed...May God bless and comfort you.

Billy and Lisa Hinton (Lisa Hodge Hinton) - July 31, 2013 at 06:15 PM