



Billy Joe (Bill) Collins

July 20, 1929 - November 6, 2012

Billy Joe (Bill) Collins, 83, of Ovett died at his residence on November 6, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 10 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel with Rev. Paul Rodgers and Rev. Thomas Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Collins was owner and operator of Bill Collins Photography in Laurel for 40 years before his retirement. He was an active member of Faith Baptist Church, Ovett. He enjoyed working on his farm and enjoyed his family, hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff Clay Collins and Maude Sudduth Collins; siblings, Mildred Brown, Arthur J. (Ossie) Collins, Jeff Lamar Collins, Mary Louise (Makey) Davis and Dorothy (Dottie) Arrington.

Mr. Collins is survived by his wife of 51 years, Opal Griffin Collins; sister, Elizabeth (Woodgy) Frech of Birmingham, Ala.; five children, Danny (Sallie) Collins of Ovett, Stacy (Jacqueline) Collins of Petal, Stan (Rosemary) Collins of Palm Harbor, Florida, Patsy Collins (Rev. Paul) Rodgers of Ellisville, Carol Collins (Buddy) McElroy of Meridian; step-daughters, Brenda Rayner Jefcoat of Meridian and Pam Rayner Davis of Ellisville.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Patrick Collins, Jeremy Rodgers, Bailey Collins, Kevin Jefcoat, Chad Lewis and Dakota Bush. Other grandchildren include Rachel Rodgers Lagos, Amy Rodgers Hobson, Cassidi Bush, Lindsey Collins, Griffin Collins and Oliver Collins. He is also survived by four great grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Men's Sunday School Class of Faith Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Faith Baptist Church Youth Department, 3325 Ovet-Moselle Road, Ovet, MS 39464. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 9, 2012 from 5 until 7 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Carol Bates and Family - November 11, 2012 at 08:47 PM

CH

“ Just to Let All of You Know, My Prayers and Thoughts are with You during this Sad Time...I have Been Praying for Bill and Opal for a Long time....and Keep in touch with Pam...on how You all are doing...Bill and I worked many weddings, together, thru the years, He was a Super-Nice Guy and a True Professional....I'm so glad y'all have shared so many good times as a Family...what a Blessing that Has Been....God Gives us the Best of Memories...Keep them with You Always..In Love and Prayers, Charles Hudson

Charles Hudson - November 09, 2012 at 06:47 PM

RM

“ Faye and I are saddened by the passing of Mr. Bill. Our hearts go out to all of the family. (As a young pastor in the ministry Mr. Bill shared with me about using poem's in the sermons that I preach and it helped me.

Love in Christ: Bro. Jeff and Faye Martin

Rev. Jeff Martin - November 09, 2012 at 08:29 AM

BL

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all as you celebrate your love ones life. God riches blessing on you!

Bob and Linda Lutz - November 08, 2012 at 05:11 PM

JG

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Collins passing. He took pictures of my wedding way back when. I also thought he was a nice and friendly person. God bless you during your time of sorrow.

Judy Nix Graham - November 08, 2012 at 01:11 PM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Bill's family at this time.

George and Diane Polson - November 07, 2012 at 04:59 PM