



Billy Gene Ward

January 29, 1930 - September 17, 2011

Billy Gene Ward, 81, left this earth to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 17, 2011 at South Central Regional Medical Center after a long struggle with cancer. His last hours were spent embraced in the loving arms of his family. Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. with a rosary service at 6 p.m. A funeral mass will be officiated by Father Michael Thornton at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Monday at 10 a.m. with burial immediately following at Sunset Gardens. Billy served his country as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired after working in the oil field as a salesman for more than 30 years. He was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel and he also served in the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi in Dedeaux. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed to hunt, fish and garden, but most importantly, he loved to spend time with his family- telling stories, jokes and eating! He was born to the late Loren B. and Martha Lula Jennings Ward on January 29, 1930 in Webster County. He was preceded in death by seven sisters and two brothers. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth Jean "Jeannie" Fontana Ward and his three children, Kathy Graves (Ben), Congetta Gieger (Chip) and David Ward. He was blessed with six grandchildren, Heather Carlisle (Jake), Alex Gieger, Evan Gieger, Tori Gieger, Emileigh Irvin and Abby Album; also one great-grandchild, Bella Garrett.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Enjoy your fishing in heaven. We will be praying for you and Jeanie and family.*

Shelia and jerry - September 21, 2011 at 12:03 AM

BM

“ *Jeannie, Congetta and Family: Please accept my deepest condolences in the passing of your father. I will pray for strength for you and your family during this sorrowful time. May God bless you all with peace and comfort in the coming days.*

Beilnda Miller - September 20, 2011 at 09:01 AM

EE

“ *Jeannie,
I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers.*

Elaine Ethridge - September 19, 2011 at 10:16 AM

BT

“ *Congetta and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Beth*

Beth Taylor - September 18, 2011 at 09:33 PM

MH

“ *Sorry we were unable to be with you. We are very sorry for your loss. Please tell your family that we are thinking and praying for them today and forever. You are in our hearts. Love, Merle and Ellie Hehn*

Merle and Elloise Hehn - September 18, 2011 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ *Congetta and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Hold onto
all the wonderful memories!
So sorry we cannot be there with you. We send our love!!*

Janet, Blake and Brian - September 18, 2011 at 01:01 PM

MH

“ *Jeannie, So sorry for you lost. May God Bless you always. Martha
Chancellor Goodwin Holloway*

Martha Chancellor Holloway - September 18, 2011 at 08:32 AM