



Jerry Thomas Bailey

October 17, 1938 - December 19, 2011

J. Thomas Bailey, 73, of Grant, AL died Monday, December 19, 2011 in Huntsville, AL.

Graveside services will be held at 1 pm Thursday, December 22 at Lake Park Hills Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Jeff Taylor will officiate.

He graduated from George S. Gardiner in 1957 where he excelled in basketball and enjoyed baseball and band. Following high school he completed his BS and MS in Mathematics in four years from the University of Southern Mississippi. Upon graduation, he began his professional career as a mathematician at Missile RD&E Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL. He retired after 38 years of service. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Guntersville, AL.

Mr. Bailey was preceded in death by his parents, James T. and Ruby Bailey, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, C. G. and Eva Watson.

Survivors include his wife, Freya Watson Bailey of Grant, AL; one son, Jerry T. "Jay" Bailey, II of Roswell, GA; one daughter, Paula B. Steuer of Roswell, GA; and two brothers-in-law, Nelson Watson and wife Mary of Baton Rouge, LA and Nathan Watson and wife Marsha of Madison, MS.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Watson, Nelson Watson, Trulon Boykin, Scott Watson, David Johnson, and Scott Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon until 12:45 pm Thursday, December 22 at

Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BT

“ Freya, Were saddened to hear about Jerry Tom's death. He really was a role model for all the people he worked with. We know that You and your family are proud of his lifelong ambitions and activities. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. You are in our prayers. Love Tank and Jo

Bob(Tank) & Jo Tankersley - December 23, 2011 at 10:21 AM

FN

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We will include you in our prayers.

Ferrel and Linda Nicholson - December 22, 2011 at 05:56 PM

JJ

“ Jerry Thomas Bailey

Jim and Phyllis Jess - December 22, 2011 at 11:31 AM

KP

“ Dear Freya, Although I had just met you last Sunday during the family covered dish lunch at the Haven, I felt a bond with you as we already had with Mr. Jerry. From the first time we walked into the Haven with Kirby's mother, suffering from Alzheimers, Mr. Jerry greeted us with his ever present smile. It always made me so happy to see his kind eyes. I was shocked to see in the newspaper where he had passed away. Know of the difference he made in our lives in a short time. It reminds me that even though someone may not speak, it is often their facial expression which says the most. I know he must have been a wonderful husband and father. We are so sorry for your loss. The Parks

Karen and Kirby Parks - December 22, 2011 at 11:19 AM

SH

“ Dear Freya, Paula, and Jay,
So sorry to learn of Thomas' death. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming weeks.
Love,
Sandra

Sandra Hall - December 21, 2011 at 10:03 PM

NE

“ May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish. My thoughts are with you and your family.
Sincerely, Nancy

Nancy Evans - December 21, 2011 at 09:58 PM

LO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in times like these.

Lance Oakes - December 21, 2011 at 05:59 PM

BH

“ Dear Freya,
I'm so very sorry. I just want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry was one of my "very best friends" and I shall remember him forever. The day he and I retired from MICOM, we walked out of building 5400 together and I still have a picture of the two of leaving the building. If there is anything that I can do to help you or the children, please let me know. I'm so sorry that I missed your phone call. I didn't think to check the caller ID until it was too late. Again, we are praying for all of you!
Sincerely,
Bud

Bud & Linda Hooker - December 21, 2011 at 04:48 PM

RE

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you at this difficult time. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy, Rita Esiele*

Rita Esiele - December 21, 2011 at 04:27 PM

NH

“ *Very sad to hear of Jerry's death. Worked with him for thirty years and appreciated him very much. Neil*

Neil Hamilton - December 21, 2011 at 03:01 PM

PS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God grant you wisdom and peace during this most difficult time. We are sorry we can't be with you during this time. Love, Pat, Bobby and Aunt Maurice*

Pat Shheperd - December 21, 2011 at 08:29 AM

LP

“ *Freya and Family,
So sorry to hear about Tom, we know he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with during this difficult time. May God bless and keep you
Larry, Dorothy and Family*

LARRY PARKER - December 20, 2011 at 07:12 PM