



Joseph "Mike" Sennett Conner Brady Sr.

September 8, 1931 - February 3, 2013

After a well-fought battle with cancer, Joseph "Mike" Sennett Conner Brady, Sr., 81, of Laurel was called home by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on February 3, 2013. His Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals (Exodus 15:26) took away all the suffering this life on earth had brought.

His love for God, his family, and work were his life's focus. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Laurel, where he faithfully followed God's leading in ministry, service in the church and was a Deacon for many years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner and also served in the U. S. Air Force. The love he had for his family was evident to all he encountered. He enjoyed spending time with his family; he always had time for telling a story to his children and grandchildren and sharing a snack or singing a tune to a great-grandchild. Those in the community will remember him best for his work; he began a career in the auto parts industry in the early 1940s working at Robins and Landrum in Laurel, MS. For many years, he was a traveling auto parts salesman serving the area from Raleigh to Richton. In 1971 he purchased the auto parts store that marked the beginning of his career; the store became known as the Universal Auto Parts (NAPA). He actively worked in this business until a week before his passing. In 2005, he opened a second NAPA location in Heidelberg. He has poured his life into these businesses as a lasting legacy for his family and community; this legacy brings comfort knowing that his footprint upon this earth will live on. We trust that as he entered heaven, he heard the words from our Lord in Matthew 25:21, "Well

done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thou Lord.” Greeting him at the gates of heaven were his parents, Clayton Neil and Edna Corine Brady; his siblings, Tyrus “Bud” Brady, Pat Brady, and Nancy Graham Kepner.

Upon his entering heaven, he leaves his beloved wife of more than 50 years, Frances N. Brady; three children, Nancy Blakeney (Wayne) of Taylorsville, Joseph “Joe Mike” Sennett Conner Brady, Jr. (Jena) of Laurel, and Esther Kelley (Steve) of Laurel. Pepaw Brady, fondly referred to as “Peeps” leaves his grandchildren, Jessica Buckhaults (Randall), Joseph “Jody” Sennett Conner Brady, III (Melissa), Jeremy Blakeney, Jillian Brady, and Breana Kelley and his great-grandchildren, Joseph Sennett “Conner” Brady, IV, Noah Buckhaults, and Hannah Buckhaults. He also leaves three loving sisters, Mary Collins (A.E., “Ed”), Carolyn Trest, and Nickie Welch and a whole host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel from 5 until 8 p.m. on Monday. The funeral service will be at Highland Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Gene Douglas will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be Joseph S. “Jody” Brady, III, Jeremy Blakeney, Glen Trest, Claytor Lassiter, Mark Roberts, Dana Sanford, and Gerald Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be James Bradford, Bob Herrity, Ray Phillips, Jack Sanders and Bob Stringer.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TE

“ We were sorry to hear about Mr Brady, he was a good man and will be missed. Our thoughts are with you, Don Estilette Troy "Bubba" Estilette

Troy Estilette - February 07, 2013 at 07:14 PM

WR

“ Please know that we share your sorrow in the loss of Mike and your comfort in knowing that he is in a better place now.
Woody (and the rest of the Harold Ratcliffe cousins)

Woody Ratcliffe - February 05, 2013 at 08:13 PM

RM

“ Joseph "Mike" Sennett Conner Brady Sr.

Richard(Buddy) and Glenda Morton - February 05, 2013 at 07:25 PM

DW

“ Dear Nancy, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will have you and your family in my prayers. Seems like yesterday ya'll had joined Highland. I know your father will be missed.
Debbie Hinton Ward-Ewen

Debbie Hinton Ward-Ewen - February 05, 2013 at 02:27 PM

AT

“ we are so sorry for your loss.Mr. Brady was the nicest person we knew.we will keep you in our prayers
Alpha, James, Jerry, and Johnny Carter

aamco transmission - February 05, 2013 at 11:05 AM

LH

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Mr. Brady will be missed by a lot of people....young and old.*

Lee and Jane Harrison - February 05, 2013 at 11:02 AM

SM

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May you find comfort in His promise of everlasting life.*

Sammy and Julia Mansell - February 04, 2013 at 07:54 PM

EM

“ *We send our sincere sympathy to all of you. Please know that he will will truly be missed.*

Earl & Myra Martin - February 04, 2013 at 07:16 PM

BB

“ *To the family of Mike Brady My heart goes out to all of you. We all know he is at peace now. May you all enjoy all the memories of his life and share them with others.I know he will be missed greatly.*

All of you will be in my prayers at this time of sorrow.

Sincerly Barbara Beeman C/Ser Napa Jackson,Ms DC Napa

Barbara Beeman - February 04, 2013 at 06:09 PM