



Kirby Ray Rowell

May 31, 1932 - February 15, 2016

Kirby Ray Rowell, born May 31, 1932, passed away February 15, 2016.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at Memory Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Philadelphia United Methodist Church, with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. Mark Covington will officiate. The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Rowell; his parents, John Kirby Rowell and Truman Lightsey Rowell; and one brother, Marion "Sonny" Rowell.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie West and her husband, Ken; one son, David Rowell and his wife, Karen; four grandchildren, Bradley Harper, Brittney Barnett and her husband, Ross, McKenzie West, and Kariel West; and one great grandson, Brantley Harper.

He served in the U. S. Army as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, GA. He was in the Korean War and he would quickly tell you he made 300 jumps in front of Senators and Governors out of a perfectly good airplane. He was a retired oilfield contract pumper, farmer and a member of Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Heidelberg where he greeted at the front door for many years. He was also quite active in many organizations. Those being: The Hamasa Shriners Club, American Legion Post 1997, Sons of the

Confederates, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Masonic Lodge of Heidelberg. But it was his family and church that he loved the most. He loved being Santa Clause's helper at the local clubs, schools and churches. He was a prime example of serving others as he gave back so freely to the community.

Many people do not know it, but he was an excellent dancer. He loved raising his cows. You rarely saw him without his overalls on.

Fly High Papaw. Your overalls will be waiting for you in Heaven.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Philadelphia Methodist Church Cemetery

Intersection of Highway 503 and 528 west of
Heidelberg
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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Laurel, MS 39440
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<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ We were saddened to learn of Kirby Ray's death and wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

God Bless!

Terry and Carol Rowell

Carol Rowell - March 10, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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“ Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. I just now learned about your daddy's death. I always enjoyed talking to him. He will surely be missed by many. Our prayers will be with all of you. Sincerely, Diane Morgan

diane morgan - February 21, 2016 at 08:45 PM

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“ Vernon & Anne Byrd lit a candle in memory of Kirby Ray Rowell



Vernon & Anne Byrd - February 17, 2016 at 04:49 PM