



Lonnie Lee Craft

September 19, 1922 - February 17, 2014

Lonnie Lee Craft, 91 passed away Monday, February 17, 2014, at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2014, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Jones County. Pastor Kenny McMinn will officiate. Visitation will be held 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, February 20, at Memory Chapel.

He was born in Sanford, MS on September 19, 1922, the third son of the late M. J. and Alma Riles Craft.

Lonnie proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and was honorably discharged as Corporal on January 14, 1946 with four medals. On July 20, 1945, he married Bonnie Parrett, and together they shared 65 years of faithful marriage and family life. They were active members of Life Church. Lonnie was a self-employed business person in the community for over 30 years. He was a gentle soul, man of his word, and a talented jack of all trades who especially enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening and hunting with his bird dogs in earlier years. He was a long-time fan of the New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Cardinals. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bonnie; one sister, Vivian; and four brothers, Ben, Jeff, L.C., and James.

He will be dearly missed by his daughter, Judy (Bill) Wells, Lake Wylie, SC and granddaughters, Lauren Wells, Fairhope, AL and Kendall Wells, Atlanta, GA. His surviving brothers are Junior Craft and Charles Craft, Seminary, MS.

In September 2009, Lonnie and Bonnie became residents of Comfort Care Nursing Center in Laurel. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff for the love, care, and concern provided during their residency.

Memorials may be directed to Life Church, P. O. Box 2395, Laurel, MS 39442. Pallbearers will be Buddy Clinton, Harvey Lofton, Dr. Rusty Stevens, Pastor Bob Taylor, Phill Wells, and Pastor Thomas Winn. Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Guy, Haskell Herrington, John McDade, and long-time faithful friend, Jack Wilson.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

MF

“*Judy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I kept wondering why I hadn't seen you or your Dad for awhile. I thought possibly he was now confined to his room. My Mom is dealing with Dementia everyday, but I am glad I can still visit her. Take care, my friend, and God Bless you and your family during your time of loss. Miss seeing your Dad sitting on the front porch at Comfort Care.*”

Marlene & Ben Franklin - July 01, 2014 at 05:58 PM

BM

“*With Our Deepest Sympathy!! Betty Morad Faye Hamilton-Comfort Care*”

Betty Morad - February 28, 2014 at 05:50 PM

JW

“*Carolyn and I have known you and Bonnie since 1950, and your daughter Judy was the 5-year old Flower Girl at our wedding in Laurel in December 1954. The Crafts and Wilsons have been close friends since those early years, with never a cross word between us. Judy, Bill, Lauren and Kendall have continued our relationship up to the present time. You will be missed, and we pray that God will sustain and bless the Wells family for many years to come.*
Jack & Carolyn”

Jack & Carolyn Wilson - February 21, 2014 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ Judy and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. I just lost my last parent and I can relate. Every birthday Bodie has - I will think of Lonnie. He and Bonnie very fine people, and we were blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing them. We are out of town or I would be seeing you. Please know that our prayers are with you and your family, God bless. Bodie and Jackie

JACKIE LEGGETT - February 21, 2014 at 12:16 AM

LH

“ Our condolences go out to the Craft and Wells family. May God bless each and everyone of you.
The Arrington Family

Louella Hardy - February 20, 2014 at 12:17 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Judy Bush (Life Church)

Judy Bush - February 19, 2014 at 11:09 AM

PT

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember your Dad and Mom being kind and gentle. Please know that we are praying for your family as you grieve this loss.

Patti Taylor Thames - February 19, 2014 at 10:54 AM