



Rathell Byrd

March 20, 1929 - November 8, 2012

Rathell Byrd, 83, died Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Memory Chapel with burial to follow a Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Nonnie Jefcoat will officiate.

Mr. Byrd was a farmer and a veteran of the U. S. Army.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ester Mae Byrd and son, Rayford Walsworth.

Survivors include three sons, Robert H. Sheffield and wife Gladys of Laurel, Marion Clay Sheffield and wife Glenda of Sevierville, TN and Willie L. Walsworth and wife Candace of Laurel; daughter, Merlene White of Laurel; 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; and brother, William O. Byrd of Laurel.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2012 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Merlene, I just found about Rathell tonight. I am so sorry for your loss. You know I thought a lot of him. When I would clean he would make coffee and sometimes I would bring breakfast from McDonalds. We talked a lot about your mom and he missed her greatly. I wish I had know but I just got my paper out of the mail box and was shocked. He will be miss a lot, you and your brothers take care and you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Shirley Ainsworth - November 10, 2012 at 06:41 PM

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“ *We were so sorry to hear about Mr. Byrd. Such a sweet man. He and my family go back a long, long time. Talked with him many times at the mailbox since he had moved back into the brick house next to our trailer. He always was kind enough to ask about the sick folks in my family. I will miss seeing him sitting on that front porch. Never knew anybody that loved porches as much as I do. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. God bless all of you during this time.*

Kitty and Harold Mozingo Aaron, Kelly, and Haven Mozingo Norma James

Kitty (James) Mozingo - November 10, 2012 at 10:26 AM