



## Ronald E. Varner

September 5, 1936 - July 18, 2012

Ronald E. "Ron" Varner, 75, of Laurel, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 pm Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Mike Benson will officiate.

He was a retired veteran of the U. S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Seven Campaign Medals, Armed Forces Expeditions Medal (Korea), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (Third Award), Overseas Service Bars (4) National Defense Service Medal, and Driver Badge. He also worked security and was a member of Kensington Woods Church of Christ and the VFW of Hattiesburg.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Stephens Varner of Laurel; daughter, Stephanie Bailey and husband Lance of Sumrall; three brothers, Russell Varner and wife Rene of Holualoa, HA, Harvey Varner of Central Point, OR and Wilbur Varner of Texas; two sisters, Louise Gandy of Salem, OR and Rose Varner of Vancouver, WA; sister-in-law, Norma Varner of Bellingham, WA and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Stephens, Brad Byrd, Don Rake, Phil Rake, Brian Anderson and Bobby Moorner. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene

Gunnels, Lonnie E. Stephens, Jake Stephens and Buck Dearman.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests that memorials be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belford Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Visitation will be held from 1 pm until service time on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dearest Sherry- You are in prayers today and in the days to come for comfort from your recent loss. Ron was a wonderful husband, father to Stephanie and friend to me. I am only a phone call away if you need someone to talk to.*

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**Ginny Gough** - July 24, 2012 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Ronald E. Varner*

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**Joel Holston** - July 21, 2012 at 05:17 PM