



Roy Denson Grafton

July 27, 1926 - March 20, 2013

Roy Denson Grafton, 86, died on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at South Central Regional Hospital of Laurel.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Indian Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate.

Mr. Grafton was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Lafayette Grafton and Florence Quimby Grafton; his only son, Charles Ernest Grafton; brothers, Burl and Earl Grafton; and son-in-law, Randall G. Seymour.

Mr. Grafton attended Calhoun High School and Jones County Junior College before serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. Roy began his career in the funeral business after returning from World War II at Sumrall Funeral Home in Laurel. He also worked at Thompson Funeral Home in Laurel before moving to work at Baldwin Funeral Homes in Jackson, MS from 1959-1976. He was owner of Reynolds-Grafton Funeral Home in Holly Springs, MS for eleven years, retiring and moving back to his home town.

Mr. Grafton was a member of Indian Springs Baptist Church. He was a member of the Lions Club of Jackson and the Rotary Club of Laurel. He was also a member of the MS Funeral Association, serving multiple terms as Regional Governor.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Betty Hennington Grafton, daughter, Marilyn Grafton Seymour, and granddaughter, Alyson (Chad) Bilbrey, all of Laurel; grandson, John O. Ethridge of Jackson; granddaughter, Crystal Grafton (Trey) Combs of Picayune; grandson, Timothy Charles Grafton of

Olive Branch; three great grandsons, Matthew Denson Ethridge of Laurel, Aiden Auburn Combs and Jackson Wyatt Combs of Picayune.

Pallbearers will be James H. Walters, Stephen R. Brown, Mark G. Brown, Chad Bilbrey, John O. Ethridge, Garland Miles, Larry Grafton, and Matthew D. Ethridge.

Visitation will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Praying God's strength and comfort for you*

Karen Vanderslice - March 21, 2013 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Crystal, we are sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Steve and Ann McDonald - March 21, 2013 at 10:31 AM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Grafton. I know his family on Earth will miss him, but I'm sure Charlie was there to welcome him to his heavenly home! Nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved. Peace be with you and may God comfort you in the days ahead.*

Ruby Lowe - March 21, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Anita Hutchinson - March 21, 2013 at 12:30 AM