



Rufus Edward Downs, Jr.

December 20, 1926 - September 16, 2014

Rufus Edward Downs, Jr., 87, of Laurel, died Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Brandon Powell will officiate.

Mr. Downs was a pipefitter with Masonite, and a veteran of the U. S. Army serving during World War II. He was a member of West Laurel Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace L. Downs and parents, Rufus Edward Downs, Sr. and Emma Cornett Downs.

Survivors include his son, Jimmy Downs and wife, Kaye of Laurel; daughter, Sherry Kampe and husband, Edward of Hattiesburg; two grandchildren, Michael Downs and Melissa Langlely and husband, Chris; seven great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; sister, Louise Merrell Vaughn of Laurel; two nieces; and two nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bill Culberson, Ronnie Jones, Doug Boler, Ed Kampe, Tom Cooley, and Chris Langlely.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jimmy, Kay and family, Im so sorry for your loss. Mr Downs was a special person, and he will be greatly missed. Praying for you friend. Love to you all. Janis

Janis Deaton - September 18, 2014 at 02:35 PM

KH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. May his family know that we are praying for you.

Kent & Robbie Headrick - September 17, 2014 at 11:45 AM

RJ

“ Sherry, Thoughts and Prayers with you and your family. We know your Dad is happy to be with his beloved Grace. Rosi and Dex

Rosi K Johnson - September 17, 2014 at 10:09 AM

OH

“ Jimmy and Kaye, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless.

Ouida Hester - September 16, 2014 at 07:28 PM

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“ Your in our thoughts and prayers!!

Wayne and Vickie Tolbert - September 16, 2014 at 07:21 PM