



Walter Master Bethea Jr.

September 1, 1928 - September 28, 2013

Walter Master Bethea Jr. 85 of Laurel died Saturday September 28, 2013 at South Central Regional Medical Center. He was a member of West Laurel United Methodist Church and was a 32degree Mason of John Henry Wooten Lodge #503. He was a charter member of Dixe Golf Club being #29 of the original 50. He had the family owned Bethea Plumbing Company.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Katherine Bethea of Laurel, Son Doug Bethea and wife Joy of Laurel, Daughter Donna Bethea Gilbreath and husband Rodney of Lilburn, Georgia. Grandchildren Jason Bethea and wife Rhiannon, Brian Gilbreath and wife Dawn, Clint Gilbreath and wife Leslie, Suzie Stanton and husband Mark and Chad White and wife Crystal. Great Grandchildren Mason Bethea, Mallory Bethea, Melanie Gilbreath, Natalie Gilbreath, Savannah Stanton, Caroline Stanton, Sheridan White and Cameron White. And a host of nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11:AM Tuesday Graveside at Lake Park Hills Cemetery.

Visitation will be 9:30 AM Tuesday at Memory Chapel. Rev. Allen King will officiate. Pallbearers will be John Sanford, Roy Dry, Ray Cradock, Dan Taylor, Jimmy Lowery, Kenny Lowe, Dale Jay and Mike Morgan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Don Sweeney, G.B. Ishee and Jimmy Harpole. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to West Laurel United Methodist Church.

Memory Chapel is in charge of services.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Mackey and Sandy McKinzie*

Mackey and Sandy McKinzie - October 02, 2013 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ *We will miss Mr. Jr. and all the precious memories of him. We grew up living across the street from him and Mrs. Catherine and they were good friends with my grandparents. Prayers for the family of this precious man. Love, The Walker Family*

Leigh Walker - October 01, 2013 at 04:05 PM

SB

“ *Remembering your Dad and husband and prayers for your family,
Sharon Barham Daniel Barham Meg Barham Todd*

Sharon Barham - September 30, 2013 at 10:03 PM

CB

“ *Donna & Doug, I'm so sorry to learn of your dad's death. My prayers and thoughts are with both of you and your entire family.*

Cathy Boteler Boyle - September 30, 2013 at 11:44 AM

FD

“ *Enjoyed playing golf with JR and the boys at Dixie.*

Frank Dechert - September 30, 2013 at 08:15 AM

BR

“ Kathryn, our hearts are saddened to know of the loss you are feeling. Jr. was such a wonderful man to know and we certainly will miss him. May God give you strength and bless your entire family.
Bennie Rogers and Jimmy Harpole

Bennie Rogers - September 29, 2013 at 07:13 PM

LM

“ Mrs.Bethea,Doug and Donna,
I am so very,very sorry. I send my prayers and condolences to you and the family.It had been years since I'd seen him but I remember him well and fondly.He was a fine man. He will be missed.

Lynne Agin Morano - September 29, 2013 at 04:31 PM