



## William Elson "Red" Dykes

January 30, 1927 - October 7, 2016

William Elson "Red" Dykes, 89 of Laurel, passed from this life on October 7, 2016. Red worked as an electrician for City Electric for 25 years. After leaving City Electric, he started his own business, Dykes Electric which was in operation until 2013. As a young man he served in the Navy for 15 months and was stationed in Japan when the war ended. He was a member of Erata Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Red is preceded in death by his parents, Juluis and Mattie Dykes, 3 brothers Carrol, Burl and George Dykes, and 1 sister Maxine Cook. In his spare time his hobby was building model airplanes and flying his own airplanes which included home-built airplanes and ultralights. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends in his motorhome.

The 26th of this month he would have been married to his wife Bobbie Jean Dykes for 65 years. He is also survived by 1 son Frank Dykes and his wife Angie Dykes, and 2 grandchildren , Braxton Dykes and Parker Dykes, his daughter Karen Dykes Graves and her husband Jeff Graves, a grandson Kent Graves and his wife Brittani Graves, a granddaughter Rene Graves Shelby and her husband Brent Shelby and 1 great grandson Cannon Shelby. And a host of nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11 AM Monday at Memory Chapel with burial to follow in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 to 7 PM at Memory Chapel. Rev. Jerry Wilkerson and Rev. Mark Quarles will be

officiating. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Magee, Larry Magee, Billy Magee, Jason Loper, James Breland and Stan Burks. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bobby Lockhart, Floyd Pitts, Melvin Snith, Bill Lewis, Bill Taylor and Earl Purdum.

# Cemetery Details

## **Memorial Gardens Cemetery**

2151 US-184  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Deepest sympathies for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.*  
*Karan Chastain*  
*Brandon Dykes Mother*

Karan Chastain - October 10, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Elson "Red" Dykes.*



October 09, 2016 at 01:44 PM

GF

“ *I attended church with Mr. Red and Mrs Bobby. Mr. Red always had smiles and kindness in his eyes. He very much showed the love of God at every encounter. He will be greatly missed by all especially his wife Bobby and his children, and grandchildren. May the peace of God surround the Dykes family.*

Gail Fant - October 09, 2016 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ *Bobbie Jean and family, please know that you are all in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. We love you all.*

*Charles and Colleen*

charles Brooks - October 08, 2016 at 06:25 PM