



William A. Harper, Sr.

January 18, 1926 - November 14, 2010

Mr. William A. Harper Sr., 84, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2010. He was born on January 18, 1926 in Wayne County, MS to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper. Most of his adult life was spent in and around the City of Laurel, MS with his wife of sixty-two years, Wilvaree Cooley Harper. In 2005 they moved to Ridgeland, MS to be nearer their children. Mr. Harper worked in the oil field industry for over forty years. He was a member of Second Avenue Baptist Church. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather as well as a true and faithful friend to many. He loved animals and gardening and spent his retirement enjoying both. His family is lovingly appreciative of the kind caring and support administered to Mr. Harper by countless medical personnel during his recent illness. He was preceded in death by his son, William A. "Billy" Harper, Jr.; and sisters, Mildred Rowell and Vondell Patrick, both of Heidelberg, MS. He is survived by his wife, Wilvaree C. Harper; daughter, Juanaree Solop and husband, Chris, of Ridgeland; daughter, Leisa Estes, also of Ridgeland; daughter-in-law, Rebecca Harper of Elk City, OK; grandchildren, Donna Lynn Brogan and husband, John, of Oklahoma City, OK; C. Harper Solop of Ridgeland; Jake Estes and Jarrett Estes both of Ridgeland; three great-grandchildren, Hursley Daniel, Starr, and Kimi Harper of Elk City, OK; two sisters, Bobbie Lee Kizzar and Betty Lou Buchanan both residents of Jones County. Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Tuesday, November 16 from 5 – 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the chapel at Memory Chapel Wednesday at 10 a.m. with burial

to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Ken Regan will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association – MS Chapter, 196 Charmant Drive, Ste 4, Ridgeland, MS 39157, phone - 601-987-0020.

Pallbearers: Chris Solop, Harper Solop, Ken Estes, Jake Estes, Jarrett Estes, and Paul C. Rowell.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry for your loss. Would love to talk with you.*

Dot Campbell - December 07, 2010 at 07:15 PM

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“ *REE,
I AM SO SORRY.*

SUE HOLLAND STEINOCHER - November 16, 2010 at 10:40 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Brant and Aimee Hill - November 16, 2010 at 07:47 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Our prayers are with you.*

Lawran Bankston Richter - November 16, 2010 at 02:35 PM