



James Melvin Darby

October 9, 1929 - October 12, 2011

James Melvin Darby, 82, of 250 Pine Forest Rd. passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at his home.

Born in Greenville County, SC, he was the son of the late James Harlan and Ruth Geneva Bridges Darby. He was a US Army Veteran of Korea; was retired from Hennis Red Ball Trucking after 28 years of service and a member of Calvary First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty Lou Center Darby; daughters: Phyllis Pressley and husband Doug and Arlene Howle and husband Mike; brother: Aaron and Mary Darby; grandchildren Chad and Gina Pressley, Felicia and Kenny Barrett, Josh and Lori Howard, Magan and Trevor Boggs, and Jarrett Bishop; 11 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, James was predeceased by a brother, James Darby, Jr.

Funeral services will be Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary Chapel with visitation prior from 1:30 until 3 p.m.

Burial will take place at Grand View Memorial Gardens.

The family will be at the home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *That saves me. Thanks for being so senlisbe!##imported-begin##Servena##imported-end##*

December 12, 2011 at 10:23 PM



“ *Betty, Phyllis and Arlene,*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families. We are very deeply saddened and our hearts are heavy. Melvin was one of the best men that we had the privilege of knowing. He has left you guys with a Godly legacy and many wonderful memories. We will be praying for you in the days and weeks ahead.

Much love,

Tona and David Hawkins##imported-begin##Tona and David Hawkins##imported-end##

October 15, 2011 at 04:03 PM



“ *Betty and family,*

What a special man Melvin was. I have so many memories of him over the years, and they all have him smiling! He was a special man who touched many lives and I loved his corn!

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Emily Fowler##imported-end##

October 15, 2011 at 02:16 PM



“ Betty and Family,
Mother and I are so sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. We both pray that Jesus will surround you all with His loving arms and sustain you during this difficult time.

God bless you all.##imported-begin##Kelley Bracken-Rainey and Barbara Bracken##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 02:43 PM



“ Betty, Phyllis and Arleen,

I know that words can offer little comfort during these most difficult and sad times; however, please find peace in your heart knowing that others are thinking of you and praying for you. We will all miss Melvin, and his sweet spirit. We love you all and send our deepest sympathy.

Sherry and Earl##imported-begin##Sherry and Earl##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 07:56 AM



“ Melvin was one of my favorite people to talk to every Sunday morning before church - - he will be greatly missed - - always wanted to have a "Hardee's Biscuit" with him one morning but never got saround to it - - perhaps when we meet again we can do it - - I'm sure they will have them in heaven - - your family is in our prayers and we know that His loving arms are around you at this time of grief - - have no idea what you are going through but will hold you up in prayer - - if there is anything we can do don't hesitate to call - - love in Christ - - Bill & Cathy German##imported-begin##Bill and Cathy German##imported-end##

October 14, 2011 at 06:44 AM



“ Betty and family,
We are so sad to hear of Melvin's passing away. He was such a dear man and we thought so much of him. You all have many years of good memories and we know that will be of comfort to you as you work through this difficult time. God will provide His peace and comfort. We will be praying for you all.

Glenn and Edna Wright##imported-begin##Glenn & Edna
Wright##imported-end##

October 13, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ PaPa Darby will always have a special place in many hearts. PaPa was a kind, Christ-Centered, hard working Southern Gentleman. Thank you to a precious and wonderful family for sharing your PaPa with us. His reward shall be rich. We are all rich for having been Blessed with him. With our Deepest Sympathy and Much Love,
Mike, Robin and Mason##imported-begin##The Hand
Family##imported-end##

October 13, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Darby passing away. I have only good memories of him during my teen age years. You all have my condolences.##imported-begin##Mike Kelley##imported-end##

October 13, 2011 at 08:58 AM



“ *Melvin Darby was one of the kindest and most thoughtful men we have ever known. Heaven has a saint. He will truly be missed . Love and Prayers*###imported-begin##*John and Wanda Lawless*###imported-end##

October 12, 2011 at 08:21 PM