



Bobby Kirk Miller

June 21, 1931 - December 31, 2012

Bobby Kirk Miller, age 81, passed away on December 31, 2012. Services will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2012, 11:00 AM at Miller Funeral Home Chapel, with Revs. Ken Hutto and Rev. John Whetsone officiating. Burial will follow at Forestlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday night from 5 to 8 PM at Miller Funeral Home, and until one hour prior to service. Full Masonic Rites will be conducted.

He is survived by a daughter, Lawana "Susie" (Roy) Bennett, of Choccolocco; son, Keith "Peanut" (Debbie) Miller, of Moody; and daughter, Tammy (Grant) Nichols, of Heflin. His surviving grandchildren are Ericka (Rusty) Jackson, of Maylene; Brent (Melissa) Bennett, of Valley; Jaron Bennett (and Michelle Chesnut) of Auburn; Breeanna Miller, of Moody; and an "almost" granddaughter, Heather "Heddy Rae" (Chris) Shar, of Huntsville. He is also survived by a brother, Billy (Mary Ann) Miller, of Brandon, MS; sisters, Juanita Rice, of Oxford, and Wynelle McGraw, of Douglasville, GA; and sister-in-law, Wilma Miller, of Delta. He is also survived by a very special caregiver, Sheila Zydowich. Bobby was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Mona Sue Hicks Miller; his mother, Ista Mitchell Miller; his father, Cager Miller; and his brother, Jerry Miller.

Bobby was born on June 21, 1931, in Delta. He was a native of Clay County and resident of DeArmanville since 1967. He was a member of Good Hope Delta Baptist Church and most recently was a faithful attendee of Bethlehem Baptist Church. He attended Delta School and graduated from Lineville High

School in 1949. He worked briefly at M&H Valve in Anniston, and proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955. Bobby was stationed at Pensacola Naval Base and while there, he was “adopted” by a family who would become lifelong friends, Mr. Max and Mrs. Wilma Horne, and their children, Buster, Janie, and Emily. After his honorable discharge, Bobby returned to M&H Valve for a while, and then opened up a service station in Oxford with his uncle, Aubrey. He continued to operate Miller’s Service Station for over 40 years. In 1997, he “retired” and relocated it to his home in DeArmanville, where he continued to practice his mechanic craft for several more years. During those 40-plus years, he made many acquaintances and friends, which have continued throughout the years and meant so much to him. For those who knew him, if he did not have a grease rag, pocket knife, and pliers in his pocket then he felt like he wasn’t dressed. When asked, “daddy do you have your pliers in your pocket”? He’d respond, “I’ve got my pants on don’t I” and would hand them to us.

Bobby was a faithful and dutiful member of Hartwell Lodge No. 101 F&AM of Oxford and of Hardy Howle Lodge No. 459 F&AM of Delta. He received his Master Mason Degree on 12/30/52. In January 2003, he was honored by the Blue Lodge of Alabama with his 50-year pin, and in 2012, he received his 50-year pin as a Noble of the Temple of the Shrine (Shriners). On December 30, 2012, he accomplished his 60th year as a Mason.

For his 15 minutes of fame, Bobby made the October 18, 1992 issue of The New York Times, when a NY Times reporter interviewed him about his views on Democrat Bill Clinton in the 1992 presidential campaign.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Bruce and Dwight Rice