



Mr. Dewey Gray Hughes SR.

June 24, 1941 - April 18, 2024

Dewey Hughes, aged 82, of DeArmanville, Alabama, passed away on April 18, 2024, due to complications arising from liver cancer. Surrounded by his loved ones, he departed on his mother's birthday, overlooking the cherished family farm.

A visitation for family and friends will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, April 22, 2024, at

DeArmanville Methodist Church. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm, led by family

friend and pastor, Reverend Paul Vick. Dewey will be laid to rest in the family cemetery on the farm.

Dewey was born in Anniston, Alabama on June 24, 1941. He graduated from Oxford High

School in 1959 and two years later married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Houston.

After retiring from a career spanning three decades with Southern Natural Gas, he continued

working with Hale Building Company. Even in moments of rest, his mind remained engaged,

always planning the next project. Despite holding down a full-time job, he

juggled the responsibilities of tending to soybeans, cattle, hay, and horses on his farm. Through it all he managed to find time for fishing resulting in his famous fish fry feasts.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Jane Houston Hughes; children, Gray Hughes (Shelley) and Amy Hughes Fender (Craig); grandchildren, Caleb Costanzo, Lauren Costanzo Fontanez (Matthew), Christopher Mark Costanzo, Suzanna Costanzo, James Gray Costanzo, Benjamin Costanzo, Caroline Irby (Steven), Austin Hughes (Sarah Reagan), Anna Rebekah Hancock (Kyler), Jacob Fender, and Hannah Fender; two great grandsons, "Hughes" Wilder Hancock and Austin "Gray" Hughes, Jr. Dewey will also be missed by many in-laws, wonderful nieces and nephews, and a host of bonus kids and grandkids who lovingly called him Papa Dew. He was blessed with lifelong friends who became family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Hughes Costanzo; parents, Nellie Fowler Hughes and Dewey Horace Hughes; brothers, James Hughes, Ted Hughes, and Ned Hughes.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Caleb, Austin, Christopher, James Gray, Benjamin, Jacob, Kyler, Steven, and Matthew with honorary pallbearers, Wesley Williams and Ben Stevens.

Dewey never met a stranger or dog he didn't like. His quick wit, humor and ability to make you feel at home and welcomed earned him many friends. He spent countless

hours in his garden,
delivering vegetables to widows in the community even in his last few days. If
he wasn't in his
garden, you would find him on his tractor doing "chores" on the farm followed
closely by his
loyal dogs.

Dewey loved the Lord, attended church faithfully and was an example to many
of how to serve
God and others. He exemplified the following verse:
"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for
orphans and widows
in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." James 1:27 NLT

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

DeArmanville United Methodist Church

Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I always admired Dewey's positive work ethics, dedication to family togetherness, and consistent religious faith. In our early years, I had many opportunities to watch and assist Dewey in action while performing farm duties such as cutting and bailing hay, gathering soybeans and corn, or just planting and harvesting a variety of vegetables. I'll never forget riding around the farm on the FarmAll Tractor driven by Dewey. Because of his caring attitude, he seemed to insure that family and friends received fresh vegetables. As time passed, his massive energy seemed to focus on being an effective farmer, reliable auto parts salesman and manager, efficient equipment operator for gas-line installation and of course dedicated family activities. Also, he promoted and led the annual Hughes Reunion for many decades. He loved to celebrate this event with family and friends to include the Oxford Mayor and even family connections traveling from west Texas. In our late lives, I would communicate with Dewey through "thinking of you" get well cards. Over regular phone calls, he would always share his appreciation for his loving and caring family members. Further, he brought a new John Deere Tractor so he could continue to see the beauty of the farm. I will desperately miss this family connection. In the future, may we share in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Roger Knowles - June 09, 2024 at 12:16 PM

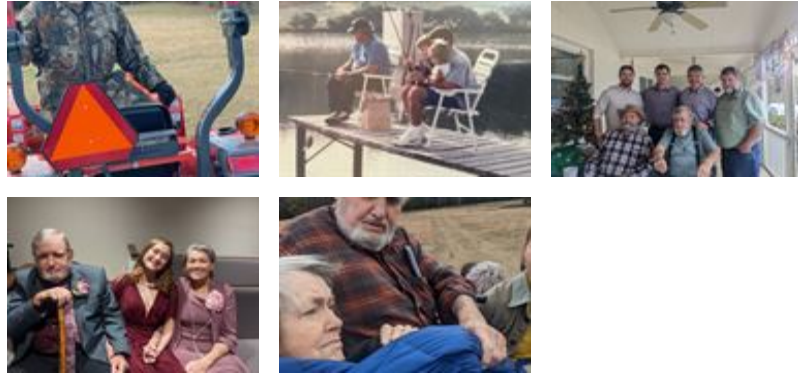
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“ We are just discovering the news of Dewey's passing. He was a true friend and disciple of Christ who will be greatly missed by many. Our love and prayers go out to Jane and all the family in this time. You are all so special to us. May our Good Shepherd abide with you and give you His peace and strength.

Don & Tangie Barnett - April 24, 2024 at 04:56 PM



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Miller Funeral Home - April 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM

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Wonderful pictures and beautiful memories. I love and adore my Hughes Family on my Grandmother's side. Always loved times at the farm especially in the Spring. Although Dewey was a cousin I always called him Uncle Dewey. I love this family and I'm so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers/ Paige.

Paige Sparks N. Ramia - April 21, 2024 at 06:53 PM