



## Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits

January 11, 1946 - June 19, 2023

Sonny (Charlie D.) Waits passed away on June 19, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. A visitation will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, from 10:00am until 12:00pm at Miller Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held in the Toby Miller Chapel starting at 12:00 noon. A graveside service will follow at Dogwood Trail Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Brother Trull Hill will be officiating.

Sonny is survived by his children, DeAnna McCormick (Justin), Leslie Morrison (Ed), and Katie Nappier (Brandon); grandchildren, Katlynn Ann and Holly Ann; sister, Gloria Cranmer; brother, Phil Waits (Donna); niece, Stacy Cranmer; nephew, Bryan Waits (Erin).

Sonny is preceded in death by his loving wife of 44 years, Mary Jo Waits; parents, Harry Lee Waits and Phoebe Pearl Waits.

Pallbearers will be Ed Morrison, Justin McCormick, Brandon Nappier, Bart Jordan, Bryan Waits, and Tim Lynch.

Honorary pallbearers will be Blue Hollingsworth, Tommy O'Dell, William Robertson, David Estes, Lavoy Jordan, Dan Morrison, and Larry Griggs.

Sonny was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County; he grew up in Golden

Springs and attended Dearmanville School and graduated from OHS in 1965. He moved to Oxford when he and his beloved wife, Mary Jo married in 1968. Sonny was a faithful Servant of Jesus and was a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church where he loved to sing. Sonny was a master fabricator and welder, working at Southern Tool for 38 years and also moonlighting in his own machine shop at home providing for his family. Sonny's true passion besides his family was hot rods and old cars. He was always driving a different car that he had bought or traded for, he didn't stay attached for long though, and every new one that he got was "the finest automobile that he had ever owned." Sonny was a faithful husband, best daddy, true friend, and doating PawPaw. There are truly no words that will ascribe the love that his family and friends have for such a big man with a bigger personality and heart. He will forever be missed, we cannot wait to hear him sing, laugh, and tell stories again.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that everyone drive their hot rods, muscle cars, or antique vehicles to the graveside with his girls and family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4611  
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

## Service

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM (cst)

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## Graveside Service

JUN **23** (cst)

Dogwood Trail Memorial Gardens  
300 McKibbon St  
Oxford, AL

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Phil and family, so sorry to hear of Sonny’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. 🙏🕊️

*Phillip and Debbie Simpson*

**Deborah Simpson** - August 16, 2023 at 01:31 AM

JR

“ June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits



**June Land Reaves** - July 01, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JR

“ I met Sonny when I was in 5th grade & he was in 6th grade. He had a head injury on the playground and I tried to stop the bleeding. I was so afraid for him. We later became friends and classmates and Classic Car buffs .My thoughts & prayers are with the family.  
*June Land Reaves*



**June Land Reaves** - July 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM

BJ

“ *Sonny always had that smile. That warm demeanor and then that off the wall wit. My favorite memory was a drop-in visit. Sonny had told me that he had gone by our house. I said that I would take it as a slight if he did not drop in. Next time he did. Our house has been around for quite a while and actually has a history with the Waits family long before we lived here. We enjoyed the memories past and the little bit of walking around. He would always tell me something and then brag on something we did. I loved having conversation about anything with Sonny because of his knowledge and the way he expressed that back to you. I was blessed to be in on some of those conversations. Love you man. See you a little bit later.* ”

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**Bart Jordan** - June 23, 2023 at 08:53 AM

LL

“ *Linda (Lynn) Reid Landers' lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits* ”



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**Linda (Lynn) Reid Landers'** - June 23, 2023 at 01:45 AM

KW

“ *KITTY 'POLK' WHITE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits* ”



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**KITTY 'POLK' WHITE** - June 22, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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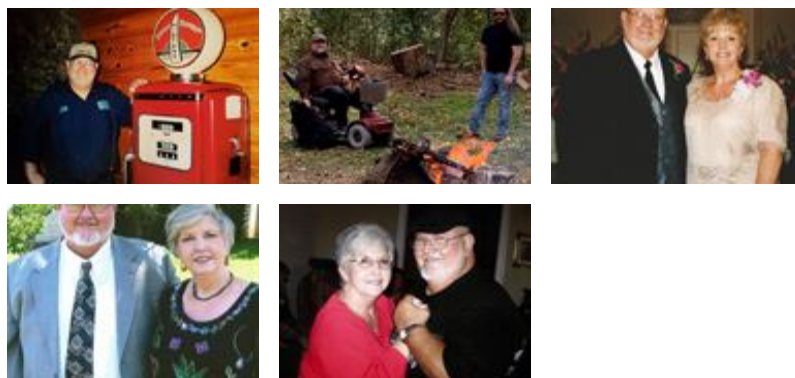
“ *Sandy LeCroy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits*



Sandy LeCroy Renfroe - June 22, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *141 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Miller Funeral Home - June 22, 2023 at 01:01 PM

AC

“ *Anita And Jerry Climer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sonny Charlie D. Waits*



Anita and Jerry Climer - June 22, 2023 at 02:29 AM

AC

*I will never forget Thanksgivings past with Papa Waits, Uncle Harry and Phillip and Sonny (wives included). I never knew a plate stacked so high and those men put away, including my dad Sidney Waits. I haven't seen it since either. We laughed and sang for each other, glorifying Christ and being grateful for the fellowship.*

Anita and Jerry Climer - June 22, 2023 at 02:36 AM

WK

“ One of the good guys; a man I'm proud to have called friend.  
William Kauffman

WILLIAM KAUFFMAN - June 21, 2023 at 10:52 AM

RD

“ Sonny was one of the sweetest men I ever knew. I loved his singing, his joy for life friends and family. He will be missed by many. Thanks for the beautiful memories ❤️🙏❤️

Rhonda Dover - June 21, 2023 at 09:11 AM

MB

“ Too many memories to share. Loved Sonny and his sweet smile.

Martha Buttram - June 20, 2023 at 07:09 PM

RF

“ A great and wonderful friend. Never hesitated to sing Beulah Land at any time or place. Robert French

Robert French - June 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM

DE

“ *In 1965 Sonny bought a new Chevy Chevelle that was canary yellow with white interior. It was beautiful. We headed out to Panama City smoking cigars and listening to that good old 60's music. We was on top of our game. Love you Sonny and I'll see you again.*

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**David Estes** - June 20, 2023 at 06:39 PM