



Bonnie B. Caviness

October 22, 1928 - November 30, 2019

Bonnie B. Caviness, 91, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Tippah County Hospital in Ripley, Mississippi. He was born on October 22, 1928 to Luther and Sophia Isabelle Clemmer Caviness in Tippah County, Mississippi. He graduated from Ripley High School in 1948. Bonnie was a lifelong Presbyterian and a faithful member of New Prospect Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon and an Elder, a Sunday School Teacher, and Lay Preacher for Presbetry of St. Andrew. He owned and operated small businesses and worked as a machinery technician for Blue Bell where he retired with thirty-four years of service. For twenty years he served as the City of Ripley Alderman-at-Large. Serving his community was a favorite passion. By special proclamation the Mayor's office named June 5, 2013 as Bonnie Caviness Day. His greatest pleasure in life was his precious family. He and Nellie Henson Caviness were married fifty-two years at the time of her death on June 2, 2007. They were blessed with five loving children and their extended families.

Services will be at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Ripley Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Connolly , Rev. Jody Hill and Dr. Charles Holland officiating. Burial will follow in New Prospect Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. until service time at the Ripley Presbyterian Church.

Bonnie is survived by three sons, Doyle Caviness (Karen) of New Albany;

Dale Caviness (Lynn) of Southaven; Dean Caviness (Leslie) of Ripley; two daughters, Rhonda Caviness Bailey and Tammy Miller (Jim) both of Ripley; one sister, Janith Pennington (John) of Oakland, Tennessee; fifteen grandchildren, Leslie Caviness Wilbanks, Bryan Caviness, Zane Caviness, Betsey Caviness Miller, Joseph Caviness, Katie Caviness Hodges, Ronnie McCafferty, Mary Alan Bailey, Sara Miller Roberts, Nathan Miller, Mia Caviness, Will Caviness, Holly Hawkins, Emily Traywick, Daniel Traywick; twenty-five great-grandchildren; a special friend, Becky Smith of Ripley. One sister-in-law, Lois Goudy Caviness of PA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie Henson Caviness, his parents and five brothers.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Bryan Caviness, Ronnie McCafferty, Joseph Caviness, Zane Caviness, Nathan Miller, Will Caviness.

Honorary pallbearers will be Deacons and Elders of New Prospect Presbyterian Church and the Mayor and current and past members of the Board of Alderman of the City of Ripley.

Memorials in memory of Bonnie can be made to LeBonheur Children's Hospital, 848 Adams Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38103 or New Prospect Presbyterian Church, 152 Dumas Rd., Ripley, MS 38663

Expressions of sympathy for the Caviness family may be made to: www.mcbri.funeralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ripley Presbyterian Church
302 West Cooper St.
Ripley, MS 38663

Visitation

DEC 3. 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cemetery Details

DEC 3 (CT)

New Prospect Presbyterian Church Cemetery
6371 Hwy 370 E.
Ripley, MS 38663

Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie B. Caviness*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *To the Caviness Family, I am deeply saddened by the death of your father. He was my machanic for many years at Blue Bell but most of all he was my friend. I can see that smile and hear that soft voice. I know he and my dad are reuniting in heaven, what a glorious time they will have. I will miss running into him from time to time. He was a wonderful man and I'm glad he touched my life. Carolyn Cowan-Prather*

Carolyn Prather - December 03, 2019 at 05:53 AM



“ *Bonnie Caviness was a very special person. He stood up for what he believed was right - no matter what. He was a special friend and I was honored to work with him for many years. Family - We are praying for peace and comfort for each of you.*

Missy Shelton - December 02, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ *Linda J Graves lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Caviness*



Linda J Graves - December 02, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LB

“ *May God give you all comfort and peace in the days ahead. Mr. Bonnie was well respected and loved by all who knew him!*



Linda Barkley - December 02, 2019 at 02:49 PM

BD

“ *Prayers that God will wrap all of you in comfort, knowing he is with him now. He was always so pleasant. Such a Beautiful family he raised. Sincerely, The Davis family. 🙏❤️*



Bridget Davis - December 02, 2019 at 01:59 PM

LA

“ *Tammy, i am so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Larry Ambrose - December 02, 2019 at 01:07 PM

CC

Tammy and Jim I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Bonnies passing but I rejoice with you because I know He had a beautiful home going celebration. He was such an humble Christian man. I have walked many laps at the Ripley Gym with Him. He always brightened my day!

Carolyn Culver - December 03, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Bonnie B. Caviness*



Lois Watson - December 02, 2019 at 08:48 AM

DT

Tammy, sorry for your loss. Praying for your family to give strength and comfort during this time

Donnie Tidwell - December 02, 2019 at 11:56 PM

SA

“ *Homer and Sara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Caviness I*



SaraRichardson - December 01, 2019 at 05:38 PM