



Lonnie Collins Goolsby

February 10, 1947 - March 27, 2026

Mr. Lonnie Collin's Goolsby passed away on March 27, 2026, at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo, MS, at the age of 79. He was born in Ripley, MS, on February 10, 1947, to Treadwell Goolsby and Jennie Mae LaBarreare Goolsby. He was an army veteran, stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War, and he carried a deep love for his country and fellow veterans throughout his life.

Lonnie came from a long line of dirt contractors and was the owner of Goolsby Excavation and Trucking. As much as he loved running heavy equipment, fixing equipment, and repairing cars, he had no greater love than spending time with his family.

Lonnie was married to Martha Brown Goolsby of Ripley, MS for 55 years and they loved spending time with their children and grandchildren. In his testimony, Lonnie wrote "My Lord has blessed me more than I can ever repay and I thank the Lord for his grace." Lonnie lived his life grounded in faith. He was a member of First Baptist Church Ripley where he served as Deacon and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Lonnie is preceded in death by his parents, Treadwell Goolsby and Jennie Mae LaBarreare Goolsby.

Lonnie is survived by his wife Martha Brown Goolsby; his son, Matthew Goolsby (Shannon) of Ripley, MS; his daughter, Ellen Goolsby Skrmetti (Tim) of Birmingham, AL; his sister Pattie Goolsby Childs (Jimmy) of Ripley, MS; his five grandchildren, Allie Goolsby Owen (Stewart) of Pontotoc, MS, Dylan Goolsby (Caitlin) of Southaven, MS, Evan Goolsby (special girl Kinsley Cook) of Ripley, MS, Meg Skrmetti and Nikolas Skrmetti of Birmingham, AL, and two great-grandchildren, Ivy Owen and Bo Owen.

Officiated by: Dylan Goolsby

Assisting ministers: Evan Goolsby and Bro. Stanley Phillips

Pallbearers: Zane Bryan, Robert G. Farrow, Dylan Goolsby, Evan Goolsby, Scott Goolsby, Stewart Owen, Keith Sartain

Honorary Pallbearers: Andy Anderson, Duane Bullard, Mike Harrison, Paul Lowery, Rodney McBryde, Danny Moore, Erich Munn, Jeff Newby, Mark Pannell, Joshua Sunday School Class at FBC

Cemetery Details

Falkner Cemetery

CR 301
Falkner, MS 38629

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
202 E. Pine St.
Ripley, MS 38663

Service

MAR 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ *Donna Lancaster Newby lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collins Goolsby*



Donna Lancaster Newby - March 31 at 03:49 AM

BS

“ *So many memories ! My friend through many years- from early school through high school & beyond. Lonnie was always kind & caring on up into our “ elder” years He will be missed !*

Barbara Mauldin Stokes - March 30 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sending Love and Prayers to you all. I'm so sorry.*



Stephanie McClintock - March 30 at 11:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.*



March 30 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.*



March 29 at 06:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.*



March 29 at 06:08 PM



“ *Betty Winter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.*



Betty Winter - March 29 at 04:43 PM



“ *Betty Winter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.*

Betty Winter - March 29 at 04:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.

March 29 at 03:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.



March 29 at 03:02 PM



“ You know I love you all so much! We've all got some wonderful memories!❤️❤️❤️❤️



Sally Bennett - March 29 at 02:36 PM



“ Van Malone lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Collins Goolsby



Van Malone - March 29 at 02:09 PM



“ Praying 🙏 for the family

Lois Watson - March 29 at 12:43 PM

CD

“ So sorry for the loss of your Precious brother, Patti. I remember coming home from school on day and you giving him your sweet help when he needed it. To you and his whole family, God Bless each and every one for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Love you all, Colleen Graves Dunnam



Colleen Graves Dunnam - March 29 at 12:31 PM

BH

“ Johnny and I were so sorry to hear about Mr. Goolsby's passing. I was acquainted with Mr. Lonnie through work. May God give you comfort in your sorrow as only He can. Matt, if you need us for anything, we are just around the corner.

Brenda Hopkins - March 28 at 08:19 PM

KW

“ Kay Weatherly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Collins Goolsby.

Kay Weatherly - March 28 at 08:18 PM

MK

“ It was an honor to have the opportunity to work beside and for Lonnie Goolsby. Lonnie was one of the toughest men I knew. So many memories of work and problem solving.. God in heaven gained a great one!!

Matt Keith - March 28 at 07:36 PM

WC

“ *West Ripley Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie Collins Goolsby*



West Ripley Baptist Church - March 28 at 07:22 PM

MB

“ *You will forever be missed. You were a great, loving person, so many times you cried with us.*



Margaret Barber - March 28 at 07:02 PM