



Louis Jr. Varner

June 25, 1925 - June 1, 2016

Louis Jr. Varner, 90, was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Visitation will be Friday, June 3, 2016, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at Antioch Baptist Church with Rev. Phil Fancher and Rev. Gary Jackson officiating. Interment will follow in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Randall Jackson officiating.

Mr. Varner was born June 25, 1925, to Theodore Roosevelt and Jessie Fant Jackson Varner in Louisville. Louis attended Webster School; Beth Eden School; and Louisville School. He was 16 when he became a Christian and joined Antioch Baptist Church where he faithfully served as a deacon since 1949 and Music Director since 1947. Mr. Varner was the cemetery caretaker since 1990. He led the music for numerous revivals as well as sang for the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" at WLSM radio station. He, along with his wife, Joyce, stood as a pillar at Antioch Baptist Church and an example for anyone who seeks to serve the Lord.

Mr. Varner answered the call of his country during World War II by serving in the United States Army attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He proudly served in Company "F" 333RD Engineer Special Service Regiment from October 1943 until his discharge in April 1946. In 1953, he began his career as a Sales

Representative for the Coca Cola Bottling Company from which he retired in 1990 after 37 years during which time he saw the price of Cokes go from 5 cents to 1 dollar. He was known as "The Coke Man" throughout several counties. He was a member of the Beth Eden Masonic Lodge #205 for 64 years. He enjoyed several interests and hobbies including taking care of others in the community, singing hymns, gardening, and his Masonic Lodge. Mr. Varner loved people. He was known as "The Waving Man" on Highway 25 North.

Louis loved his family dearly. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Joyce Colene Jackson Varner, of Louisville; and his children: Dannell Irving and husband, Jimmy; Jackie Ganann and husband, Billy; Pam Woodson and husband, Barry Fortenberry; Robert Varner and wife, Carolyn Arnett; and Robin Ballard and husband, Chris. One of his greatest joys was being "Dowa" to his fifteen grandchildren: Christopher Michael Stephenson and wife, Amy; Ryan Irving and wife, Whitney; Candace Michelle Stephenson; Kasie Ganann Baxter and husband, Benji; Karla Ganann Raines and husband, Tony Mark; Kylie Ganann Stanford and husband, Brent; Jessica Woodson Wade and husband, Matt; Daniel Thomas Woodson; Lauren Varner Woodson; Brent Louis Varner; Leslie Marie Varner; Bryce Jackson Varner; Dillon Jackson Ballard; Lana Joy Ballard; and Jena Christian Ballard. Also left to mourn the passing of their "Dowa" is fourteen great-grandchildren: James Nelson Irving, Shepard Jackson Irving, Christopher Dean, Rowan Dean, Henley Baxter, Logan Raines, Karder Raines, Kimber Raines, Bella Stanford, Knox Stanford, Kandler Stanford, Ryan Wade, Lillian Wade, and Paisley Woodson. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert Spivy Varner and Willie Olen Varner; and his great-grandson, Mark Raines.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Stephenson, Ryan Irving, Benji Baxter, Tony Mark Raines, Brent Stanford, Daniel Woodson, Matt Wade, Brent Varner, Bryce Varner, and Dillon Ballard. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bobby Jean

Cooper, Max Keene, Gary Mayo, Donnie Todd, Bud Varner, Jack Pearson and members of the Faith Sunday School Class, members of the Beth Eden Masonic Lodge #205, and members of the Coca Cola Family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to The Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 114 Athens Drive, Louisville, MS 39339 or a charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Louisville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Antioch Baptist Church
Highway 25 North
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Jr. Varner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *I still remember the Sunday singing at Antioch. His smile and always praising God.
Rita and I will be praying for y'all.*

Ricky Callaway - June 18, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *My prayers are with the Varner family.*

Jewell Hill - June 03, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Louis Jr. Varner.*



June 03, 2016 at 06:35 PM

LK

“ We loved Mr Varner and was just talking about him over the wkend with my mother, Tenie Quinn. My daddy,Doug Quinn, considered him a friend and he was always our "Coca Cola" man❤️ As an adult and PT with Sta Home , I have had pleasure seeing Mr Varner help many of his friends and neighbors... It was easy to see that he not only believed in God but followed His Example - He didn't just 'talk the talk 'but also 'Walked the Walk'. We will be praying for the Varner family🙏❤️

Linda Quinn Kirk - June 03, 2016 at 05:30 PM

RM

“ Reba McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis Jr. Varner



Reba McDaniel - June 03, 2016 at 05:30 PM

MF

“ Joyce and family, you will be in my prayers during this time. Louis was a good man. Remember the good times that you all had together. I remember the visits I had as a young boy and man with the Varner family. I love you guys. Mike Fant Shreveport, Louisiana

Mike Fant - June 03, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Louis Jr. Varner.



June 03, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CT

“ Dearest Dannell, and Jackie, along with Mrs. Varner and all other family and loved ones, I was sorry to learn of Mr. Varner's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief you are suffering right now. May God bless and comfort you and in your own time, I pray you can think and smile again of all the fun things you remember as well as the memories that will be forever embedded in your hearts.



Carol Turnipseed - June 02, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Louis Jr. Varner.



June 02, 2016 at 10:07 AM

TG

“ Tiny, Lisa & Chip Tabor, Sandra & Steve Gladney purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Louis Jr. Varner.



Tiny, Lisa & Chip Tabor, Sandra & Steve Gladney - June 02, 2016 at 09:40 AM

BE

“ I will always remember how he stood right in front of me while he lead the choir. Just about every Sunday I tried my best to sing over him. Lol ! It never happened. I loved that man and all his sweet family ! Brenda Edwards

Brenda Edwards - June 01, 2016 at 10:16 PM