



William Henry "Bill" Jeffries

June 16, 1930 - August 20, 2016

William Henry "Bill" Jeffries, 86, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, August 20, 2016, at his residence in Sturgis, MS. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Junior Davis and Rev. Gene O'Brian officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at Friendship Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow in McClelland Cemetery on Craig Springs Road with military honors.

Bill was born on June 16, 1930, to Dan and Polly Prisock Jeffries. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years before becoming inactive due to his failing health. After working at Howard Manufacturing in Starkville, Mississippi, for 20 years, he retired and later started his own trucking company. His hobbies included carpentry and he used those talents to build many items for his family and others. He also loved his motorcycle, which he very much enjoyed riding. During the Korean War, he answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Dezie Mae Jeffries of Sturgis, Mississippi. He is also survived by four daughters: Kathy Vaughn and husband, Van, of Cartersville, Georgia; Lisa Lee and husband, Wesley, of Mashulaville, Mississippi; Donna Niles and husband, Mike, of Easley, South Carolina; and Andi Merchant and husband, Bill, of Pickens, South Carolina;

his son, Bill Jeffries, Jr. and wife, Teresa; and his sister, Maxine Oglesby and husband, Eddie B. all of Sturgis. One of his greatest joys in life was being “Daddy Bill” to his seven grandchildren: Jason Eaves (Daniella); Casey Gray (Maggie); Brandon Gray (Julianna); Wes Lee (Katie); Toby Conner (Chelsa); Matt Jeffries; and Ariel Langford. Also left to mourn the passing of “Daddy Bill” are five great-grandchildren: Kara Gray, Eli Conner, Gavin and Corbin Gray, and Savannah Lee. Mr. Jeffries was preceded in death by his parents; his four sisters, Mildred Kinard, Dixie Petty, Jewel McCool, and Ruby Shambrey; and by three brothers, Marvin, Carl and Bobby Gene Jeffries.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons Jason Eaves, Casey Gray, Brandon Gray, Wes Lee, Toby Conner, and Matt Jeffries. Memorial contributions in honor of Mr. Jeffries may be given to Friendship Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Martha Lindsey, 6418 Craig Springs Road, Sturgis, MS 39769.

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

McClelland Cemetery

Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
5491 Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769
(662) 465-8806

Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Henry "Bill" Jeffries*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bill a number of years at Howard Furniture.*

We worked closely together to make sure that samples were delivered to showrooms in Dallas, Atlanta and High Point were delivered on time, intact at the 11th hour.

Bill was great to know as a friend and I will always remember his "can do" attitude when we faced serious challenges as a young company.

It was a distinct pleasure to have known such a fine man. All of the Jeffries can be proud of the name and reputation that follows behind him.

Sincerely, Stuart Vance

Stuart Vance - August 28, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *So sorry we could not make the service! I have fond memories of Uncle Bill! Praying for you and the family!
Mike and Gail (McCool) Jones*

Gail Jones - August 25, 2016 at 03:01 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your family's loss. We are praying for all of you.

Sincerely,
Louis & Gaye Jones & Family
Mandy Jones-Page
Tammy McGinnis Jenkins
Jim Jones

Mandy - August 24, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Jeffries.



August 22, 2016 at 04:33 PM

EC

“ Easley Dental Center purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of William Henry "Bill" Jeffries.



Easley Dental Center - August 22, 2016 at 12:58 PM

BM

“ Billy and Ginger Miller purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William Henry "Bill" Jeffries.



Billy and Ginger Miller - August 22, 2016 at 11:15 AM

DT

“ *Sincere condolences to the Jeffries family. May comfort be with your family and friends. Psalms 46:1*

D . Tyler - August 22, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Jeffries.*



August 21, 2016 at 07:20 PM