



William A. Rives

March 25, 1939 - January 11, 2016

Mr. William A. 'Bill' Rives passed away January 11, 2016, in Starkville, MS. Armed with a quick wit and a strong work ethic, Mr. Rives was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lucia Cockrell Rives, son, John Rives of Starkville, daughter Robin (Tim) Rice of Starkville, grandchildren Rebecca (Demetrius) Andol of Starkville, Timothy Rice II of Starkville, great grandchildren Draco, Felicity, and Elizabeth Andol of Starkville, and brother, Robert (Betty) Rives of Ackerman.

Mr. Rives was born March 25, 1939, in Louisville, MS, to James Robert and Etta Anderson Rives. He enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Intrepid as a machinist mate. He transferred to the Naval Reserves and went to work for the United States Postal Service.

After retiring from both the Navy and the Postal Service, Mr. Rives enjoyed days at home with his family. Mr. Rives raised goats for many years and frequently invited local children to play with his 4 legged kids. For many years, Mr. Rives played Santa to the kids on his mail route much to their enjoyment as well as his. He truly enjoyed making others happy and shared his enthusiasm with those around him. He was a man who lived his life with love for his family, strong opinions, and a twinkle in his eye.

Mr. Rives was preceded in death by his mother and father, sister, Jimmie Ruth Edwards, and half siblings Thurston, Eston, Cholie, Erma, Clarice, and Barney B.

A memorial service to celebrate Mr. Rives's life was held Saturday, January 16, 2016, at Self Creek Baptist Church in Starkville, MS at 1 pm.

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.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Self Creek Southern Baptist Church
Starkville, MS 39759

Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Rives*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM