



Harry Earl Bennett Jr.

December 22, 2013

Harry Earl Bennett, Jr., 77 died Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS.

Born in Norfolk, VA, Mr. Bennett was a retired Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Air Force where he had been awarded the Bronze Star. As a pilot, Mr. Bennett flew all over the world and participated in the Belgian Congo and Vietnam conflicts. Mr. Bennett received his bachelor's degree from the Virginia Military Institute and his master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He taught at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. He had also been an instructor of sociology and anthropology at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for 15 years. Mr. Bennett had lived in Oxford for over 7 years when he and his wife moved here after Hurricane Katrina. He enjoyed history and being a participant in the Oxford Newcomers Club.

There will be no service. Coleman Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte S. Bennett of Oxford, MS; one daughter, Stacey Ferguson of Bay St. Louis, MS; two sons, Harry E. Bennett, III of Bay St. Louis, MS and Lt. Col. Christopher Bryan Bennett of Montgomery, AL; one brother, Bryan Lee Bennett of Huntsville, AL; two grandchildren.

His parents, Harry Earl Bennett, Sr. and Gastona G. Bennett, preceded Mr. Bennett in death.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Harry asks that you smile when you think of him.