



## James Leon Tatum

July 26, 2011

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

James Leon Tatum, 80, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at his home near Oxford, MS.

Born in Oxford, MS, he grew up in Taylor, MS and lived most of his life in this area, other than the time he spent in the military. Mr. Tatum was a veteran of the United States Navy. He worked in the laundry/dry cleaning business most of his working years and was the founder of Rainbow Cleaners in 1970. During this time, he attended many clinics and seminars, one of which was the Dale Carnegie School of Public Speaking. Mr. Tatum enjoyed being outdoors, working in the yard, riding his Harley Davidson and spending time at Sardis Lake. He was a member of the Oxford Church of Christ.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 28, 2011, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Lendy Bartlett officiating. Interment will be in the Browning Cemetery, CR 313, Oxford, MS. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Kilpatrick and Dana Harwell, both of Oxford, MS; one son, Lamar Tatum of Smyrna, TN; one sister, Patricia Brown

of Georgia; 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

His parents, Luther and Anna Tatum, one brother, Billy Tatum and one daughter, Sandra Kay Crawford, preceded Mr. Tatum in death.

Memorials may be sent to James Leon Tatum, Sponsor – Chinese Agape Foundation, c/o Holly Machemehl, 209 Palisades, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

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