



John Baker Ratliff

March 23, 2010

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

John Baker Ratliff, age 88, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oxford, MS.

Born in Lafayette County, he had lived his entire life, other than during his military service, in the Oxford area. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army having served in northern France, Rhineland and central Europe, he was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. Mr. Ratliff had worked in the timber and pulpwood industry over 30 years. He was a skilled gardener who enjoyed growing various types of vegetables. Mr. Ratliff was a member of the Spring Hill Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 26, 2010, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at New Prospect Baptist Church, Hwy. 334, Oxford, MS. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Ken White officiating at New Prospect Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery, CR 459, Oxford, MS. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Brandi Miller and Shannon Ratliff both of Oxford, MS; five great-grandchildren, Austin Lowry of Hickory Flat, MS, Bailey Head of Corinth, MS, Rowan Lowe of Oxford, MS, Collin Jones and Hayden

Jones, both of Normandy, TN.

Mr. Ratliff was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie Lou Ratliff, his parents, Andrew and Ola Ratliff, three children, Johnny Mack Ratliff, Katherine Miller and Michael John Ratliff; four sisters, Pauline Bishop, Vivian Simms, Cornez White and Wanna Myrl Bratton; two brothers, James "Peter" Ratliff and Raymond "Bird" Ratliff; one grandson, Bobby Ray Jones, Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Spring Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Jimmy Bratton, 1623 Hwy. 334, Oxford, MS 38655.

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