



Joseph Ralph Brigance

November 5, 2007

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Joseph Ralph "Joe" Brigance, 68, died Monday, November 5, 2007, at the VA Regional Medical Center in Memphis, TN.

Mr. Brigance had lived in the Oxford area for 41 years. He was retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as a Chief Machinist Mate (E-8). Mr. Brigance had been self-employed in the golf course construction business for 23 years. He was a Baptist who attended Calvary Baptist Church of Oxford, MS. He was also a Mason, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shriner 32nd degree, a Lifemember of the VFW, a former member of the Memphis Golf Course Superintendents Association, and a charter member of the Golf Course Builders Association.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. George Crowden officiating. Interment will be in the Veterans Garden of the Garden of Memories at Coleman Funeral Home. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brigance is survived by his wife, Fran Brigance of Oxford, MS; two daughters, Connie Lynn Tramel of Oxford, MS and Vera Annette Skains of

Winfield, LA; one son, David Morris Brigance of Oxford, MS; three sisters, Beulah Schissler of Mantica, CA, Sybil Ford of Enid, OK, and Shirley Pratt of Ozark, MO; one brother, Charles Lewis Brigance of Richland, MO; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lafonzo and Lula Brigance, 2 brothers, Carl Brigance and Thomas Brigance, and one sister, Frances Potts.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, Wahabi Shrine Center, P.O. Box 2750, Jackson, MS 39207.