



Rayford Foster

November 1, 2013

Rayford Foster, 81, died Friday, November 1, 2013, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS.

Born in Lafayette County, Mr. Foster had returned to the Tula community having lived in Tupelo and Columbus, MS for the previous forty-five years. A 1950 graduate of Tula High School, he began work as a linotype operator at the Oxford Eagle before joining the print staff of the Daily Mississippian at the University of Mississippi. In 1967, Mr. Foster left Ole Miss to teach offset printing at Itawamba Community College's Vocational Technical Center in Tupelo. He retired in 1993 as printing department manager for Sanderson Plumbing in Columbus, MS. An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Foster enjoyed Quail hunting and, after retirement, fishing. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and was an avid fan, and sometime critic, of Ole Miss football. A long time member of the Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus, MS, Mr. Foster was currently a member of Tula Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held Monday, November 4, 2013, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home in Oxford, MS with funeral services following at 1:00 p.m. in the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Mark Hill, Johnny Stewart, and Lee Emmett Foster will officiate. Interment will be in the Old Union Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Foster, of Tula, MS; two sons, Steve Foster (Joyee) of Dallas, TX and Andy Foster (Laura) of Silver Spring, MD; one daughter, Laurie Foster Ward (Bill) of Springfield, VA; one sister, Wilma Myers of Olive Branch, MS; two brothers, Junior Foster of Tula, MS and Jerry Foster of Sulligent, Alabama; 8 grandchildren (Scott, Lee, Betsy, Timothy, Will, Caleb, Anya, and Sofia) and 1 great-grandchild (Hudson).

Mr. Foster was preceded in death by his parents, William and Canary Foster, and brothers Autry and Cordis.

Memorials may be made to the Old Union Cemetery Fund, c/o Charles Dennis, 113 CR 375, Water Valley, MS 38965.