



Elbert Garrison

March 25, 1925 - March 9, 2012

Elbert B. Garrison, 86, was born March 25, 1925, and passed away on March 9, 2012, after a long illness.

He was a man of many talents and varied interests. He retired from Reynolds Metals Company after 37 years, but during his lifetime he was a talented carpenter, electrician and farmer. He built all three of the homes that he and wife, Agnes, lived in and designed and built one of the first modern split-level houses in the Tri Cities area. Of all his occupations, he loved farming best and was known for the Bermuda hay that he baled on his farm in Phil Campbell and for his beef cattle.

He was a Reserve Deputy for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and a volunteer for the Mountaintop Watch Patrol. He served as a Deputy Registrar for Franklin County and loved working in political campaigns.

He had many hobbies including woodworking, spelunking, genealogy, and reading. His daughter, Dottie, treasures a butcher-block table made from the remnants of a barn from the family farm. As a spelunker, he explored many caves in North Alabama. As a student of genealogy, he was proud to be a direct descendent of Stephen Garrison, his fourth great-grandfather, who was a Revolutionary War soldier and one of the first settlers in North Alabama. He was an avid reader and collected books of all kinds, but loved science,

westerns and as a Veteran of World War II, had an extensive collection of books on the topic.

He was a member of Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church and served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years.

He was preceded in death by his father, the Rev. Stonewall J. Garrison; mother, Nancy Ann Kennedy Garrison; brothers, J.C., Ralph and Billy Ray Garrison; sisters, Ethel Tidwell, Ruby Taylor, LaRue and Florene Garrison.

Survivors include his loving wife of 69 years, Agnes; daughter and son-in-law, Dottie and J.J. Donahue of Athens, Alabama; son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Freida Garrison of Florence, Alabama; granddaughter, Amy Garrison; sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Don Hatcher of Montevallo, Alabama, sisters-in-law, Nell Garrison of Cleveland, Tennessee, Jearldeen Rae of Sommerville, Alabama, and Verna Stegall of Russellville, Alabama; and many special nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, Alabama, on Sunday, March 11, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The funeral will be held in the Pinkard Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m., with the Reverend John McCullar officiating. Burial will be at the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church in Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Pallbearers will be nephews, David and Frankie Tidwell and great nephews Bradley and Robbie Tidwell, Vern Lee and William Hyde.

Honorary bearers will be James Bray, David Motes, Starland Newell, Olen McAllister, Larry Baker, Wade Oden, and Charles Williams.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the Burns Nursing Home nurses and staff for their tender care during the last few months.

Memorials can be made to the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church Building Fund, Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elbert Garrison* ”



Pinkard Funeral Home - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May the memories of Uncle Elbert*

held deep within your heart

help to soothe your spirit at this time

May thoughts of all your Husband meant-

Of Love he gave, of good times spent-

Bring you peace and comfort, too,

And keep your Husband close to you.

Grand ma Ethel Josephine

told me many great times they had growing up. Now they can play together in Heaven and Sing praises to GOD.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Steve###imported-begin##Steve Tidwell###imported-end##

March 17, 2012 at 08:38 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Garrison,*

Everything about the funeral was perfect, I know Mr. Garrison would have been so pleased. It was wonderful to see you; you looked beautiful!!! Looking forward to you coming for a visit. Take good care.

Love you, Trish###imported-begin##Trish Harbin###imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 09:07 PM



“ Dottie,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Mike, Holly, Jim & Kate##imported-begin##Michael
Rickard##imported-end##*

March 15, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Dottie, I am sending prayers up for you and your family! Miss
you!##imported-begin##Shannon Hopkins##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 01:55 PM



“ Mrs. Garrison,

*It was good to see you again Monday. I am glad I came. I am sorry
Mr. Garrison died but I hope you can move on with your life now
knowing he is at home with Jesus now. I enjoyed seeing your home
and meeting many of your family and friends.*

*Remember that God is with you and will take care of you. Trust in
Him always.*

I now look forward to seeing you again soon.

With Love,

Bill Harbin##imported-begin##Bill Harbin##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 08:35 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Garrison,

Again, Jack and I wanted you to know that the funeral service for Mr. Garrison was so beautifully done. The music was so upbeat and your pastor's words had to be comforting to both you and Dottie. What more can one ask for during such a stressful time? And, please let Annette know how much we enjoyed both watching and hearing her play the piano. I couldn't help but think of my mother who so enjoyed playing the piano.

Thank you, too, for inviting us back to your home. We were so pleased to be included in that invitation. I hope you don't mind but your Dottie is my sister. Thank you for that gift.

Have you taken the time to view your azaleas? I'm a tad jealous - they're blooming!

You continue to be in our prayers . I hope you come visit the Donahues soon so we can entertain you in our home. God bless.

Meg and Jack##imported-begin##Jack and Meg Miller##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 07:15 PM



“ Dear Aunt Agnes,
We were saddened to hear of Elbert’s passing, though glad he is in a better place physically and spiritually.

I read his obituary – it was a lovely piece. I was glad to see a donation site was listed.

Uncle Elbert was a special man and a great influence to Doug in his early years. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Doug & Judy & Leslie Taylor##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 06:00 PM



“ Dottie, Bless you and your family. My daddy taught me that the price of love is usually pain and that we can't take away the pain without taking the love, which we would want to give up.

I am convinced that he passed his good traits on to you; I am amazed by your energy. Just know that I am remembering you as you pass through this life-changing path of life.

Marthelle##imported-begin##Marthelle Stover##imported-end##

March 13, 2012 at 12:43 PM



“ Dottie,
Your father must have been a delightful man. It sounds as though he loved life and lived it well. Ed and I will keep you in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

Love,

Allyson and Ed##imported-begin##Allyson Land##imported-end##

March 12, 2012 at 09:32 AM



“ *Uncle Elbert, I have so many fond memories of you. You are irreplaceable and one of a kind. The example of your love and compassion helped me become the man I am today. I will miss you till I see you again. Rest in peace. Give mom my love.##imported-begin##Dillard Taylor and family##imported-end##*

March 11, 2012 at 04:49 AM



“ *Dottie & Jay,
We are so sorry to hear this sad news. You have our deepest sympathy and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know things have been hard for you lately. It will take time for the hurt to heal but you can take comfort (and pride) in the knowledge that you did all you could for your dad in his final years when he needed you the most. We love you guys.##imported-begin##Charles & Marilyn Gillespie##imported-end##*

March 10, 2012 at 04:04 PM