



## John Richeson

January 10, 1930 - December 18, 2011

John Leland Richeson joined the Lord late Sunday evening after dying peacefully at home following a brief illness. John was born January 10, 1930 in Cherry Hill, Alabama, attended Russellville High School where he played football. He enlisted in the Air Force and attained the highest enlisted rank (Chief Master Sergeant) and retired after more than 27 years of service. His service included assignments in Germany, Nevada, Korea, Japan and Vietnam-where he earned the Bronze Star Medal. Following his 1974 retirement he returned to Cherry Hill and became a loan officer with the Russellville Production Credit Association. John was an active member of the Cherry Hill Baptist Church and was recently honored with a Veteran's Memorial in the Cherry Hill Cemetery for his military service and his cemetery support. John will be remembered as a devoted Christian, loving husband and father, and true patriot. His interest included community service, travel and military history. He is survived by Ann his childhood sweetheart and wife of 59 years; daughters Debra Donovan, Susan Newman, and Mary Jones;

Six grandchildren Katie, Lucy, John, Andy, Will and Thomas; three great grandchildren Emma, Nolan and Caroline; and his brother James Richeson.

Funeral service will be Thursday, December 22, 2011, 11 AM at the Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Russellville, AL with Reverend James Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the adjoining Cherry Hill Cemetery. The body will lie in state an hour prior to the funeral service. The pallbearers will be his four grandsons and David Tufts and Nate Hicks the spouses of his granddaughters. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 5 PM till 7 PM at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville. The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to Cherry Hill Cemetery Fund (c/o Ronnie Bobo, 4925 Highway 83, Russellville, AL 35654) or to the Decatur Chapter of the Alabama Baptist Children's Home (PO Box 1805, Decatur, AL 35602).

Pinkard Funeral Home Russellville directing.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cherry Hill Baptist Church  
Cherry Hill Rd.  
Russellville, Al

# Tribute Wall



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“ Family members, you don't know me, but my dad, William Heaps, went to school with Mr. Richeson at Cherry Hill and they were childhood friends. My dad has told me many stories/fond memories of his growing up with Mr. Richeson. My dad is the same age and is becoming very feeble. He lives in Clanton, AL and I keep him informed of the news that I read from North, Alabama on the internet and obits from Pinkard's website. My dad sends his thoughts and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Shirley (Heaps) Henley##imported-end##

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