



ALMUS H. BEARD

November 28, 2017

Almus H. Beard, 94, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2017, surrounded by his family. We were all blessed to have this special man as our father, grandfather and "Paw Paw". His wife, Evelyn, predeceased him in 1996. After her death, he moved from Ensley to Hueytown, where he was known as the "Sunflower Man" and helped to populate the Southeast with yellow angel trumpets. Mr. Beard, the oldest of 9 children, was born and raised on a farm in Fernbank, Alabama, in Lamar County. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Pacific as a radar operator in New Guinea. While there, he assisted with the rescue of a busload of airmen by placing an "X" on his radar of their last known location before their plane was shot down over the ocean. He never expected any acknowledgement for this. He said it was enough that these men came to thank him and ask how he knew where to direct their rescuers. Mr. Beard moved his family to the Birmingham area in the early 1950's and went to work in a brick refractory. In 1960, he lost his right hand in an industrial accident but he never let that stop him. He returned to work at the same job, and retired from Harbison-Walker in 1985 to care for our mother who was suffering from cancer. Prior to her death, he was her primary caregiver. We owe so much to both our parents for the way we were raised - with kindness, honesty, love and a firm faith in God. Daddy never stopped trying to help each of his children and grandchildren find their way in this world and the next. He is survived by three brothers, three sisters and his five children - Lloyd Beard (Rosalie), Larry Beard, Harry Beard (Debbie), Rose

Marie Turner (Barry) and Sarah Jennifer Epperson (Joe), 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mr. Beard was a member of the Pleasant Grove Church of Christ. The visitation will be Friday, December 1, 2017, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens.

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Bobbie Ray - November 29, 2017 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Sarah,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious Daddy. What a testament of a life well lived! You are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the coming days. May God comfort you as only He can. Love, Renee'*

Renee McKenzie Holcombe - November 29, 2017 at 02:05 PM