



JOSEPH THOMAS BRADFORD

December 9, 1931 - December 27, 2009

BRADFORD, JOSEPH THOMAS, of Hueytown, AL passed away on December 27, 2009. He was born on December 9, 1931 in Bibb County, AL and grew up in Montevallo, AL. Joe was a Deacon of Valley Creek Baptist Church, Hueytown, AL, for many years. He served his country in the U.S. Navy 1950-1954, assigned to VA 195 Air Attack Group based in Alameda, CA. He was aboard the carrier USS Princeton on two Combat cruises to Korea and earned five battle stars. He retired from US Steel after 28 years of service. Then began his second career in real estate as top salesman for Weaver Land and Realty Company for 20 years. Joe was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Bradford. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Green Bradford; sons, Wayne (Sydney) Bradford of Hueytown and Randy (Briana) Bradford of Rainbow City. His 4 grandsons were the joy of his life, Jonathan Bradford of Alexandria, VA, Tyler Bradford of Rainbow City, and J.T. and Jacob Bradford of Hueytown. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, Hueytown. Burial to follow in Valley Creek Cemetery. Dr. Kevin Blackwell officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Project 320, Valley Creek Baptist Church, 3253 Virginia Drive, Hueytown, AL 35023.