



## **MELVILLE DORMAN YORK, JR.**

January 21, 1929 - July 13, 2012

Melville Dorman York, Jr., 83, of Hueytown, went to his rest on Friday, July 13, after a long illness. He was surrounded by loving family and friends. Dorman was born on January 21, 1929, in Bessemer to parents Melville Dorman and Eunice Mabel Kennedy York. He attended Hueytown High School where he was an accomplished football player and dancer. After high school, Dorman was hired by Birmingham Southern Railroad, where he worked as an engineer for over 40 years. In 1951 he married Norma Grace Earnest and joined the Air Force soon after, serving as a radio operator during the Korean Conflict. After his service, Dorman returned to his job with the railroad, building his own home in Hueytown and raising his family. He enjoyed golf and outings with family and friends. Dorman was an avid Alabama fan and Booster for most of his life, and could often be heard proclaiming "Roll, Tide, Roll!" He also coached Little League baseball and football for many years. Dorman was a longtime member of Hueytown Baptist Church, and was their volunteer "Candy Man". He loved to pass out candy and caring to parishioners, nursing home residents and others, and usually knew their dietetic needs and favorite sweets. Dorman's life was filled with many extended family members, friends and neighbors, young and old, who loved his zest for life. He was a generous and helpful man who never passed by a friend or neighbor in need. Dorman is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Norma; son Mel York and his wife Sheree, and granddaughter Sarah Litchfield, Homewood; daughter Dody Jones, Gulf Shores, and grandson Samuel Alan Jones, Seattle, WA; and

many loving cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. Visitation will be Monday, July 16, 2012, from 12:30 until 2:00 PM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, with the funeral service starting at 2:00. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hueytown Baptist Church.