



## WILLIAM P. "BILL" HOWTON

October 6, 1926 - October 6, 2010

HOWTON, WILLIAM P. (BILL), age 84, passed away October 6, 2010 at Pleasant Grove, AL. William was born in McCalla, AL and had resided in Mississippi for 52 years. William was preceded in death by his parents, father, Leo B. Howton, Sr.; mother, Claudia Ethridge Howton; sister, Glenda Maye Howton; brother, Leo B. Howton, Jr.; and his beloved wife of 49 years, Ruby M. Goolsby Howton. William was a 32 degree Mason, a member of Fairfield Highlands Lodge No. 876 and a member of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, S. J. USA Valley of Mobile, Orient of Alabama. William was a life member of the American Legion Post 1992, Gautier, MS. William was a World War II Veteran and served in the U.S. Merchant Marines. He served in the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean War Zones. William was employed by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Litton Industries for 33 years until his retirement in 1991. He was employed as Chief Trials Engineer, propulsion and Superintendent Test and Trials. William is survived by cousins, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. The Funeral Service will be Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 2:00 PM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Village Falls Cemetery, with Masonic and Military honors. The visitation will be Friday, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Complete.