



Mr. Billy Joe Ayres

January 12, 1946 - January 19, 2017

Mr. Billy Joe Ayres, 71, passed away on January 19, 2017 at his home in West Point. Mr. Billy Joe was born January 12, 1946, in West Point, the son of the late William Joseph and Mamie Irene Edwards Ayres, Sr. He was an Elder at Riverside Chapel Baptist Church near West Point. He retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard as an E-6, retiring after 37 years of total service having served with the 223rd Engineering Battalion based in West Point. He served during the Gulf War. Mr. Billy Joe was the Statistician for the Mississippi State University Men's Basketball Team for 42 years. He married Elizabeth Ann Gaskin on June 14, 1975, in West Point. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. from Calvert Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jim Sallee officiating and assisted by Mr. William "Choke" Malone. Burial with Mississippi Army National Guard Military Honors will follow in Memorial Garden Cemetery West Point. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include His Wife Mrs. Ann Gaskin Ayres of West Point; One daughter, Amy Hunt of Columbus; One Son, Johnny Ayres (Kerri) of Sandersville; Seven Grandchildren: Mandy Trulove, Candice Poss, Garrett Dees, Andrew Robinson, Karoline Ayres, John Marshall Ayres, and Kerrigan Ayres; and Seven Great Grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Tim Horner, William "Choke" Malone, Jimmy Nolen, Norman Nevels, Cliff Stafford, and Bill East.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Bud Bowen, Jim Northington, All the Past & Present Members of the Mississippi Army National Guard 223rd Engineering Battalion, Dr. Ned Miller, and the Nurses and Staff of both the Home Health Care and Hospice of North Mississippi Medical Center.

Memorials may be made to Riverside Chapel Baptist Church Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 526, West Point, MS 39773.

Visitation will be Friday from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at Calvert Funeral Home.

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

MS

“ To all of the Ayres family, we were so sorry to hear of Billy Joe passing away. I know that The Dear Lord is taking good care of him now and he's no longer in any pain. Please know that all of you have been in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Melody & Larry Stafford

Melody McCreary Stafford - January 25, 2017 at 04:23 PM

LJ

“ I have known Billy Joe ever since he was 5 years old. It was an pleasure to serve in the 223rd Engineer Battalion for over 30 years. He was a fine man and helped everyone. May GOD be with his family for this service. He will be missed.

*Louis Johnson
Columbia, TN*

Louis Johnson - January 20, 2017 at 02:37 PM



“ Ann I'm so truly sorry about Billy! I'll be praying for you through this time of sadness and grief that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort and peace! Just rest on his promise that he will never leave you! He'll always be there by your side in the sad times and the good! And some wonderful day you'll be reunited in Heaven! I'll be thinking about you and even though we haven't been close for years I've always loved you. Just lean on our precious savior for strength and he will get you through this time. Praying and thinking about you. With much love ,Evelyn



Evelyn Hawkins - January 20, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Joe Ayres.



January 20, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *With sympathy and friendship,*

Susanne Allen Thomas

Susanne Allen Thomas - January 19, 2017 at 07:20 PM



Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. But know the God of all comfort will help you endure this sad time.

Lowanda Le - January 20, 2017 at 01:55 PM

JP

“ *Jerry Parham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Ayres*



jerry parham - January 19, 2017 at 06:51 PM

JP

It was my pleasure to serve in the 223rd Engineer Battalion with SSG Ayres. He was as fine a man as I have ever known. God bless and keep his family.

jerry parham - January 19, 2017 at 06:55 PM

MA

“ *Kerri, Johnny and family,*

Praying for all of you in the loss of Mr Billy Joe.

Mary Hinton Armbrust

Mary Hinton Armbrust - January 19, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Joe Ayres.*



January 19, 2017 at 05:57 PM