



## Mr. I. Rhea

February 23, 2014

Mr. James I. Rhea, 84, passed away on February 22, 2014, at his home in West Point. Mr. Rhea was born March 18, 1929, in West Point the son of the late: James Isabelle and Lois Louise Smith Rhea. He was a member of First Baptist Church in West Point. He designed and built the original Prairie Arts Festival Train and was named "Grand Marshall" for the West Point Christmas Parade. During the course of Mr. Rhea's career in the workforce, he held many various positions. He was the service manager for Clay Motors. He was a supervisor at Babcock and Wilcox Corporation. He retired as Maintenance Superintendent with the City of West Point. He was on active duty during both the Korean War and Berlin Crisis. He retired after 32 years in maintenance from the Mississippi National Guard, retiring as Chief Warrant Officer with the 223rd Engineering Battalion. He married Bobbie Jo Simmons Rhea on June 3, 1953, in West Point. Funeral services will be February 25, 2014, at 2:00 P.M. from Calvert Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Dale Funderburg officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery in West Point. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements. Survivors include Wife Bobbie Jo Simmons Rhea; One Daughter, Emily Bratton (Marion); Two Sons, J. T. Rhea and Robert "Red" Rhea (Libby) all of West Point; Eight Grandchildren; Kimberly Todd (Frank), Justin Rhea, Lauren Campanella (Michael), Shelby Rhea, Allison Bratton Carter (Chris), Tyler Bratton (Bree), Shannon Rhea Hicks (Dylan) and Amanda Rhea; Seven Great Grandchildren; Lily Todd, Catherine Tyler Carter, Mason Campanella, Maddux Beau Bratton,

Hunter Hicks, Skye Hicks, and Shanna Beth Hicks; One Sister, Alice Louise Scallions (Gerald) of Columbus and One Brother, Herbert Rhea (Mary Helen) of Carthage; and a number of Nieces and Nephews. Pallbearers will be Tyler Bratton, Chris Carter, Justin Rhea, John Ellis, John Andrews, and Jeff Henry. Honorary Pallbearers will be Leon Simmons, Ernest Cothran, Kenny Dill, Glenn Fulgham, Danny Golson, Caradine Young, William L. Watkins, Jay B. "Bo" Phelps,

Dr. Andrew Wartak and Staff, and the Nurses and Staff of North Mississippi Medical Center Hospice. Memorials may be made to Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, 800 Avery Blvd, Suite 100, Ridgeland, MS 39157-5225 or to American Heart Association, P. O. Box 16808, Jackson, MS 39236. Visitation will be Monday 5:00-8:00 P.M. at Calvert Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad passing away. Please know that all of you have been in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Melody & Larry W. Stafford - March 03, 2014 at 01:52 PM

AD

“ My deepest sympathy. Remembering you in my prayers.

Ann Cliett Dendy - February 25, 2014 at 08:26 AM

VW

“ Mom rembers him when they grew up together back when they were litle. He will see miss Louis and rejoice! So sorry for your loss!

Virginia Marie Wells Weaver - February 24, 2014 at 04:48 PM

JP

“ Emily, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jessica Patterson  
Central EPA

Jessica Patterson - February 24, 2014 at 02:51 PM

SP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We loved Mr. James at the Foot Center in Tupelo. Please take care of yourself.

Shay Hall, PT and Susan Bouchillon, PT - February 24, 2014 at 02:42 PM

JS

“ J.T. sorry to hear about your Dad, my prayers are with you and your family

J.R. Sims - February 24, 2014 at 01:44 PM

JG

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS--MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO WALK WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU TRAVEL DOWN THIS PATH.FOR HE WILL BE THE LIGHT UNTO YOUR FEET.

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**Jay and Sandy Gilliland** - February 24, 2014 at 11:29 AM

JR

“ *Emily, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My prayers are with you and if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to let me know. Again,I am truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Joyce Roberts** - February 24, 2014 at 08:01 AM

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“ *With sympathy and friendship, Susanne Allen Thomas*

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**Susanne Allen Thomas** - February 23, 2014 at 08:44 PM

LM

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Leah Montgomery** - February 23, 2014 at 07:43 PM