



## Mr. "Foots" Vance

March 15, 2013

John Michael "Foots" Vance, 66, passed away, on Friday, March 15, 2013 at his home, in Pheba. He was born December 30, 1946 in Houston, Mississippi to Anna Lloyd Fant Morgan and Lt. Col John Gurney Vance. His was a Conductor with Kansas City Southern for 30 years and was a member of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church. He was an avid Bulldog Fan, and he just loved all his grandchildren. He had hired out in 1971 with the G.M & O Railroad, he retired from the Kansas City Southern Railroad. He never met a stranger and all that met him loved him and he enjoyed all his friends. He had served in Mississippi National Guard-Eupora. John Michael Vance married Flora Virginia McKee on June 17, 1978, in Pheba. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 17, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home Chapel with the Brother Andy Parrish officiating. Burial followed in Providence Cemetery Maben. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point was in charge of arrangements. Survivors include is wife Flora Virginia McKee Vance of Pheba; his daughter, Tia McMullin Perkins (Jimmy) of Harahan, LA; his sons, Terry Colin McMullin (Sherry) of Mantee, MS, John Michael Vance, Jr. (Stacy) of Houlka, MS, Bradley Scott Vance (Jill) of Houlka, MS, Tony Kevin Vance (Ashley) of Starkville, MS; Nine grandchildren; Kayla Huffman, Paxton Peay, Kane Perkins, Cole McMullin, Joe Riley McMullin, Jovi McMullin, Audrey Vance, Johnny Vance, and Trace Vance. His Father Lt. Col John Gurney Vance (Bruna) of Montgomery, AL and Mother, Anna Lloyd Morgan of Eupora, MS; three sisters, Tanna Gary (Mike) of Eupora, MS, Brenda Gary (Don) of

Eupora, MS, Elanora Orgish (Scott) of Houston, TX; and all his brother and sister in laws. Preceding him in death were his grandparents John Ed and Edna Vance, Samuel and Georgia Fant, step-father, Willis Morgan, and a special uncle Monk Fant. Pallbearers were Casey Terrell Weeks, Toby McKee, Perron Sizemore, Joe Jack White, Jimmy Perkins, Josh McKee, Ren Gary, and Robbie Hubbard. Honorary Pallbearers are former co-workers with Kansas City Southern Railroad, Staff Cancer Center in Starkville, Staff at North MS Medical Center-Tupelo, Staff Starkville Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Staff of Gentiva Hospice Memorials may be made to Providence Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Gola McMullen, 4581 MS Hwy 15, Maben, MS 39750. Visitation was held Saturday, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew "Foots" when we were all at Wood Jr. College back in the day. I had later seen him in Artesia when he was working on the railroad.  
He was a super nice person, & will be missed.

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**David Hurt** - April 14, 2013 at 10:51 AM

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“ Mr. Vance was a great man with a big heart, a true fighter, we loved him, an we appreciate every smile, an laugh he ever brought to our staff here at the Cancer Care of Starkville. He is, an will definately be missed! If we can do anything, please let us know! Daisy Davis, Jen McCoullough, Sherry Fowlkes, and Angela Taylor

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**Cancer Care Center - Starkville** - March 20, 2013 at 10:32 AM

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“ My sympathy to the family of Mike. We attended school together from first grade to graduation. Our class was small and we were all like family and very good friends with everyone. Mike was a good student and lots of fun to be around. I am sorry for the loss and my heart goes out to the family.

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**Linda Thompson Cooksey** - March 18, 2013 at 07:31 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I went to high school with Mike and although I haven't seen him in many years as I moved from Mathiston in 1965, I have wonderful memories of our high school years. He was always a good friend with a great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

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**Mary Ellen Thompson** - March 18, 2013 at 07:49 AM