



Mr. Tom Carpenter

September 5, 2011

Tom Carpenter, 73, passed away, Monday, September 5, 2011, at his residence near Starkville. Thomas Lee Carpenter was born June 30, 1938, in Webster County to the late Martha Myrtle Dunn and Charles Benford Carpenter. Mr. Tom was a Bridge Builder; he retired and as a Superintendent. He also owned and operated Ideal Concrete Company. He was a member of Artesia Baptist Church and was a Member of the Adelpian Lodge #174 F.& A. M. in Eupora. He was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Tom Carpenter married Bertha Mae Palmer Carpenter on September 20, 1988, in Slate Springs. Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. from Artesia Baptist Church with the Reverend Jeff Morgan officiating and assisted by Reverend Kenny Gardner. Burial with Masonic Graveside Rites will follow in Curtis Chapel Cemetery near Starkville. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements. Survivors include Wife Bertha Carpenter of Starkville; two sons, Scott Carpenter of Missouri, and Rick Haven (Suzanne) of Yazoo City; Step-Daughter: Tracy Howell of Iuka; 3 Step-Sons: Derek Howell of Nettleton, Steve Howell and Rodney Howell (Melanie) both of Tremont; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; Special Friend: Betty Roberts of West Point. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tom was predeceased in death by his first wife: Betty Carpenter and his brother: C.B. Carpenter Pallbearers will be Jimmy Vaughan, Bruce Edwards, Jeff Holcomb, Jimmy Potter, Waverly Oakley, and Mark Crittenden. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Gentry, Mark Bolin, Robert Bolin, Harold

Gary, and Jessie Roberts. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 or to Artesia Baptist Church, C/O Youth Group, P.O. Box 217, Artesia, MS 39736. Visitation will be Wednesday, 12:00 until 2:00 p.m at Artesia Baptist Church.