



Donald Eccles Burleson

September 25, 1920 - March 29, 2009

Donald E. Burleson, 88, Russellville, Al died Sunday, March 29, 2009. Don was born on September 25, 1920 in New Center, Morgan County, Al to John James and Fannie Belle Curry Burleson. Don served during WWII in the Merchant Marines and was employed by Southern Airways immediately following the war as an aircraft mechanic. From the 1950's Don was in the automobile business in the Russellville and Shoals area until his retirement. He was a charter member of the Muscle Shoals Shrine Club and enjoyed years of helping crippled and burned children through the Shrine charities and hospitals. He was a lover of horses and raised Tennessee Walkers and Racking horses most of his life. He is preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Sarah Amanda Burleson; son, Anthony Burleson; brothers, Dubert Burleson and Hulbert "Red" Burleson; sister, Chris Cooper and son-in-law, R.C. King. Don is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret Lee Collum Burleson; sister, Jeanne Francis Burleson- Hartselle; daughters, Donna King-Russellville, Carole Britton (Gene)- Bradenton, Fl, Andrea Palmer (Jerry)- Tusculumbia; son, Monte Burleson- Crystal River, Fl; grandson, Aaron Burleson (Cessna)- Muscle Shoals. Other grandchildren are Heather Clowers (Jason), Holly Watkins (Lee), Julie Hulse (Jason), Jennifer Mitchell (Kevin), Bonnie Britton, Adam Britton, Jamie Britton, Zeke Britton, Laura Howell (John Michael), Daniel Burleson; 11 great-grandchildren. The pallbearers will be Monte Burleson, Aaron Burleson, Adam Britton, Daniel Burleson, Zeke Britton and Jason Lacks (great-nephew). Honorary pallbearers are nephews, Mark

Tanner, Larry Minter, Grad Tanner, and close friends Donnie Epperson, Grady Liles, Howard Grant, Curtis Grissom and Lanny Yancey. The visitation will be 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Spry Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. The funeral service will immediately follow in the chapel. Officiating will be Bro. Clint Busler. Interment will be in Hartselle City Cemetery with Bro. Gene Britton. The family would like to extend special thanks to the caring staff of Russellville Health Care and special caregiver Faye Baker.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Donald Eccles Burleson*

Terrell Benton - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Lynda/Dwane Potter - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *andrea sorry about your father.thinking of you and family in our prayers.*

ernest & donnie bechard - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM