



C.J. Grant

January 3, 1934 - April 3, 2012

C. J. Grant received his promotion to his heavenly Father on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the age of 78. C. J. was born on January 3, 1934 in Cullman, Alabama. At the age of 17 he proudly served in the U. S. Navy on the USS Currier (DE-700) during the Korean War. C. J. completed his commission in 1954 and began working for General Motors in Flint, Michigan. On June 17, 1955, he married Jirean Mahaffey, and they returned to Birmingham, Alabama in 1957 where they raised three sons. C. J. encouraged his sons' involvement in sports and was a coach for many of their sports teams. He served as President of the Inglenook Dixie Youth League Baseball Association and was a member of the Tarrant High School Quarterback Club. Through the years C. J. was employed with Hayes Aircraft, Birmingham Travel, and the City of Mountain Brook. He retired in 1997 as a mechanical engineer from Baptist Montclair Hospital. C. J. was a member of Trafford Church of God and proudly shared his faith and love of Jesus Christ with others. He is preceded in death by his father, O. L. Grant; his mother, Bertha Minor Grant; his sisters, Edna Beason and Dot Turner. C. J. is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Jirean Mahaffey Grant; his three sons and their wives, Johnny and Myra Grant, Ronnie and Cynthia Grant, and Tim and Sheila Grant; his seven grandchildren, Kelleyne Grant, Melissa Duke and her husband James, Jayron Grant, Christine Grant, Hunter Grant, Caycyn Grant, and Tyler Grant; his great-granddaughter, Kera Grant; and his sisters, Ruth Giles and Sue Pridmore. Visitation will be on Friday, April 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at

Gardendale Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. with burial following at Oakwood Cemetery with the Rev. Phillip Jones officiating. C. J. was dearly loved and will be missed by his family and friends. He will always be remembered for his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his love for his family and friends, his love for his country, and his love for life.