



Dalton Cleveland Popwell

September 5, 1927 - October 17, 2025

Dalton Popwell, 98, a proud veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025.

Dalton was raised in Clanton, AL born September 5, 1927. From his parents and siblings, he learned and was instilled with a strong work ethic, and a life of service and honor – qualities that defined his entire life.

At age eighteen, Dalton enlisted in the US Navy and went on to serve his country with honor during two of the most pivotal conflicts of the 20th century: World War II and the Korean War. During his time in uniform, Dalton served as an Electrician Mate in the Asiatic Pacific Fleet, and during the Korean War he served in Key West in various duties, but was most proud of guarding the shores for President Truman at The Little White House. He honorably served his country 7 years 6 months and 26 days. After completing his military service, Dalton returned home and worked as an electrician, then later as a milkman with Foremost Dairy (later Flavorich), and Barber's Dairy where he was known for his integrity, quiet wisdom, and strong work ethic. Dalton married his wife Dana, September 2, 1961 they were married a total of 64 years. They blended two families into one, raising four children together, grounded in love and respect. Dalton had a deep love of farming. He was a cattle farmer, gardener, and beekeeper. He loved sharing his wealth of knowledge on these subjects and also found joy in sharing from the bounty of

his garden. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Dalton's legacy is one of honor, service and unwavering love. Dalton was a Christian man who served God in a quiet, gentle, sweet spirit, attending church in his later years at Hughes Memorial Baptist Church.

Dalton is survived by his loving wife Dana, his daughters Teresa Largent(Charles), Glenda Swann, and Sandra Brasher(Billy), granddaughter Stacy Grant(Wade), April Edwards(Brian), great granddaughter Bailey, and great grandsons Chase and Dylan.

Dalton was preceded in death by his son Timothy, parents Fonza Iven and Mary Cagle Popwell, brothers Robert, Baxter, Paul, Fred and Joe, sisters Gladys Glenn, Merita Levine and Frances Eiland.

A memorial service will be held Thursday October 23, at 2 pm with visitation starting at 1. Family at 12:30. Military honors will be rendered at the chapel during his service.

The family would like to recognize the dear people who served Dalton in his last few months with Dignity, honor and gentleness; The Safe Harbor unit at VA Hospital in Birmingham, Aveanna Hospice, and Mc Guffey's nursing home. You all hold a special place in our hearts for the compassion and care given to our beloved. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Dalton's name to Wreaths across America.

Previous Events

Family will receive guests

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - October 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

RS

“ Rhonda S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Cleveland Popwell.

Rhonda S. - October 21, 2025 at 11:08 AM

BB

“ Barbara Standridge Breland purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Dalton Cleveland Popwell.



Barbara Standridge Breland - October 20, 2025 at 08:38 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Standridge Breland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Cleveland Popwell.*

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JJ

“ *JC & Jan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dalton Cleveland Popwell.*



JC & Jan - October 20, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dalton Cleveland Popwell.*



October 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM

DR

“ *As a very young boy, I was fortunate to work for two great men! My first boss, in the 6th grade, was J. D. Cato. My second Boss was Uncle Dalton! I worked with him on his milk route! I can still remember all the conversation he and I had. I met a lot of interesting people while delivering milk with him. The most interesting person would later become my wife!! I know that heaven is now getting the best delivery! Uncle Dalton, you will be missed! Thank you for taking a young boy under your wing and helping guide a future man!!*

Darrell Reid - October 20, 2025 at 03:59 PM

CI

Neighbor friend milkman and a Godly man

Cindy - October 20, 2025 at 04:05 PM

RA

“ *Such a good man! Lived a good life. He will be missed! I know the Lord said well done my good and faithful servant.*

Randy & Patricia Akers - October 20, 2025 at 03:23 PM

BC

Dalton was a gentle and wonderful man! What a great long life he has lead too. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Beverly Simmons Carter - October 20, 2025 at 04:54 PM