



## Frank Garrett "Skeeter"

February 26, 1926 - June 26, 2007

GARRETT, FRANK L., age 81, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at his home in Alabaster after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Hazel Marlow Garrett, and two children, Steven Frank Garrett (Nancy) of Gardendale and Winkie Colby (Tony) of Birmingham and Piseco, NY, three grandchildren: Steven Scott Garrett and Stephanie Garrett, both of Atlanta, GA and Garrett Walker Colby (Captain, U.S. Army) of Kailua, HI, one sister, Daphne Garrett Purvis of Gardendale, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Frank, known to many as "Skeeter", was born on February 26, 1926 in Mt. Olive, Alabama to William O. and Teulah Tate Garrett. He grew-up in North Birmingham where he caddied at the golf course, and attended North Birmingham Elementary School and later Phillips High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944 and became a paratrooper, eventually serving in the European theater with the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and later as a Staff Sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. In 1950 Mr. Garrett was employed by the American Cast Iron Pipe Co. where he worked for 35 years in the Maintenance Department, mainly as a master welder and a crane operator. He retired in 1984. Frank was an excellent shot and enjoyed hunting. He was also a scratch golfer. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved sister, Iris Garrett Arthur, and two older brothers, Colonel (U.S. Army Ret.) O. G. Garrett and Floyd T. Garrett. The family wishes to express sincere gratitude for the in-home help and care provided by

Ms. Betty Jones, Ms. Bernice Payne, and Ms. Lois Hayes, and very special thanks as well to Comfort Care Hospice nurse Nancy Gossett, of Alabaster. Visitation will be from 4:30-6PM on Friday, June 29th, at Morgan's Funeral Home, Hwy 31 North., in Gardendale, Alabama, followed by a Memorial Service at 6PM, with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Morgan's @ Gardendale Funeral Home directing.