



James Thomas

October 30, 1926 - May 16, 2008

THOMAS, MR. JAMES "JIMMY", age 81, of Mt. Olive, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 16, 2008. He was a member of Mt. Olive First Baptist Church and ministered to shut-ins and nursing home residents and taught Sunday School after his retirement from U.A.B. He retired from U.A.B. after 18 years of service. He was a reserve police officer with the City of Gardendale Police Department and served our country during W.W.II with the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Bettie Belcher Thomas; 4 children, Robert Thomas (Johnnie), Vicki McAlpine (Sherman), Debbie Harmon (Jeffrey), and Donna Thomas; 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. from the chapel of Gardendale Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Moore and family officiating. Interment will follow with military honors at Oakwood Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Messages of comfort and condolence may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.gardendalefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Gardendale Funeral Home, 631-8810

Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to read that Jimmy had passed away. My sympathies to Betty , Robert ,Debbie, Vickey, Donna and their spouses and children. I have not seen Jimmy since he attended my father's funeral. I have fond memories of our years as neighbors in Elyton. Jimmy was special to me during my teenage years and I will always remember those days. He will be missed by Mom, Peggy and myself. With deepest sympathies from the Richmond Family.

Richard Richmond Jr - May 18, 2008 at 10:32 PM

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“ My heart sank when I read of Precious Mr. Thomas' passing. God has a special Angel in Heaven with Him. He meant so much to my mother, Mary Mickwee, and our whole family. His Monday visits and his wonderful prayers uplifted all of us. Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss, but be grateful there is a Special Angel taking care of you. Betty, I will continue to pray for you and your family.

Carol Mickwee Oldfield - May 18, 2008 at 05:19 PM