



Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey

November 3, 1949 - March 2, 2017

Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey, of Mt. Olive, AL, age 67 went to be with the Lord on March 2, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was raised in Midfield, Alabama, and spent the majority of his free time plotting a way to escape to fish and hunt. He was famous for his southern cooking and his delicious pecan pies, as well as his quick wit and sense of humor! He enjoyed spending time at Sanibel Island Florida with his family. He attended Jones Valley High School, Auburn University and UAB. He recently retired after working in the concrete business for 35 years. After his retirement, he has been living out his life long dream of owning a farm and raising his prized Scottish Highland cattle. He loved being at the farm whether he was hunting, fishing, farming, spending time there with his family or napping on the couch. He is survived by his wife, Paula Hurd Bailey; two children, Lori Barnett (Doug), Daniel Bailey (Emily); three grandchildren, Meghan, Payton and Bailey Butler; one great-grandchild, Easton Butler; nephew Seth Starnes (Rachel) and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, James C. Bailey and Mary U. Bailey and sister Bonnie Starnes. Visitation will be Monday, March 6, 2017, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at New Gardendale Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of New Gardendale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
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Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey.*



March 06, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey.*



March 06, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Paula*
There are so many memories of Ronnie we had over the years.
I have the one where your Dad died and we were able to be there at the Hospital and Ronnie went to the Italian place on Bessemer Road, Carnaggio's, I believe. He bought about ten dinners and would not let us pay for anything, He was a generous and Big Hearted Person. May God Bless him and We hope He rests in peace.. Praying for your peace of mind as well. He left a Big Hole to fill..



*Love You,
Phillip and Jane Childers*

Jane Childers - March 06, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey.*



March 06, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronnie "Beetle" Bailey.*



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Danny Bales - March 05, 2017 at 03:56 PM

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“ Back in 2015 I contacted several of my high school friends to let them know that I was returning to Birmingham to attend one of the Jones Valley breakfast meetings; Beetle Bailey was the only one who showed up to greet me. We had a great 45 years plus meeting. In May 2016, my wife and I returned to attend the Jones Valley High School Reunion and had the pleasure of having dinner with Beetle and Paula. We returned in June for a family reunion and once again connected with Beetle and Paula where we were invited to a family cookout at his farm. His whole family welcomed us and made us both feel like a part of his family. That was a wonderful last memory... it was like I had never been away for over 45 years. I will truly miss my childhood buddy. We didn't get to take that talked about trip to Sanibel Island together, but we still have Paula. God bless your whole family.

Danny Bales

Danny Bales - March 05, 2017 at 02:24 PM



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March 05, 2017 at 01:03 PM

NH

“ *Paula so sorry for your lost. We are going to miss Ronnie very much. Nancy (rite aid). Sending hugs and prayers for you and your family*

nancy hughes - March 04, 2017 at 04:00 PM

MM

Paula, I am so sorry for your loss.. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!-
Mary Jo Ellis Mullins

mary jo mullins - March 05, 2017 at 02:32 AM

SN

So sorry to hear about Ronnies passing. Haven't seen him much since we were young. We were children together and shared many happy memories growing up. We were first cousins

scarlett Nichols - March 05, 2017 at 07:52 PM