



Thomas Coker,

December 17, 1944 - December 14, 2008

COKER, MR. THOMAS RAY, JR., age 63, of Birmingham, passed away on Sunday December 14, 2008. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Ray Coker, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Mildred Graham Coker; 2 brothers, Roger Dale Coker and Gary Reagon Coker; niece, Brandy Phillips (Tim); nephew, Allan Coker; great niece, Hanna Phillips; 2 great nephews, Chad and Caleb Irvin; aunt, Evelyn Gowins; uncle, James Graham; 3 cousins, Verva Jean Hudson (Shelley), Delitha Duncan, Ronene Howell (Jerry) and special employees of PHP of Alabama. Graveside services will be on Thomas' birthday, Wednesday December 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Graham Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Lankford officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 12-1:30 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 Gardendale's only locally owned and operated funeral home.

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“ *FAMILY OF THOMAS RAY COKER. JR Very sorry to read about the passing of your dear loved one Thomas. It seems that life is such a precious gift and yet so short-lived for the time we exist. I am writing to share a few words of comfort and encouragement from the source of truth the bible. God holds out a wonderful hope for all those in the grave. At John 11:25 Jesus said "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE THAT EXERCISES FAITH IN ME , EVEN THOUGH HE DIES, WILL COME TO LIFE." Gods greatness is evident in the resurrection of his son Jesus Christ. Moreover, that great act is a guarantee that the resurrection of others is possible. The bible gives nine accounts of ones who were resurrected. That should strengthened our faith that God can bring back to life the billions of dead people he holds within his perfect memory. 9John 5-28,29) What a blessed reason to hope in God! We all have been given the gift of our memories. As you and yours start to heal the memories of Thomas will bring you great joy. I hope these few words have lightened your grief and strengthened your faith in our heavenly father.(Psalms 83-18) Sincerely M.L.Hurt*

M.L.HURT - December 19, 2008 at 05:53 PM

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“ *I will miss you Tommy. It was such a pleasure working with you and knowing you. You always had a wonderful spirit and a good heart. You were a blessing to us all.*

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“ *Thomas Coker,*

Sylvia Haynes Manning - December 16, 2008 at 09:56 AM