



William Dobbins

January 30, 1936 - October 2, 2008

DOBBINS, MR. WILLIAM ELLIS, age 72 of Gardendale, departed this life October 2, 2008 after a 7 year struggle with the complications of cancer and serious neurological illness. Ellis was a Bell South retiree, Staff Manager Central Office Support Network and also a U.S. Military retiree. He was a member of Gardendale Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and enjoyed the status of lifetime member in the Birmingham Amateur Club where he held several offices and was active for 4 decades. Previously he served as BSA Scout Master and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Ellis graduated from Curry High School in Walker County and later earned a B.S. and Masters Degree in Business. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis V. Dobbins and Wilma Phillips Dobbins, and by his brother, Wendell. He is survived by his wife, Jo Maxwell Dobbins of Gardendale; son, Roland Dobbins of Hong Kong; sisters, Ellen Postalwaite, Opalene Darty, Vaughn Rigsby, Dianna Vines, all of Alabama and Cathy Groves of Connecticut. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the chapel of Gardendale Funeral Home with Dr. Rudy Guess and Dr. Lawton Higgs officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. His loss to his family cannot be overstated and the ongoing gracious support of his church and friends sustain us. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.