



Mr William "Billy" Cleveland Croft, Jr

December 12, 1918 - March 10, 2018

Message Body

William C. (Billy) Croft
Walnut Grove, MS

William C. (Billy) Croft, 99 years young, died March 10, 2018 in Carthage, MS. He was born on December 12, 1918 in Attala County to parents, Williams C. Croft, Sr. and Bertha Hines Croft. He had resided in Walnut Grove for the past fifty-six years. Early in his adult life he began cutting timber and eventually established Croft Lumber Co. in Walnut Grove, MS in 1961. He also raised cattle for a number of years, He served the Town of Walnut Grove as alderman for 20 years. One of the highlights of his life was being named to the Hall of Fame by the Mississippi Municipal League. He loved his church, Walnut Grove Methodist Church, where he served for years as a trustee and was eventually named Trustee Emeritus. When he could no longer drive, he bought a scooter so he could ride the four blocks to church on Sundays. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Sue Pee Croft in 1964 and

his second wife, Lena Pearl Bryan Langston in 2011. Also preceding him in death were his parents, his brother, Samuel M. Croft, and his grandson, Todd Douglas. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann Sones and her husband, W. J. (Buddy) of Madison, MS; grandchildren, Rhonda Douglas of Brandon and Christy S. Barnett, M. D. and her husband, Clay, of Hattiesburg, MS; great-grandchildren, Micah, Noah, and Claire Thornton of Hattiesburg, MS; great-great-grandchild, Katelynn Thomas of Brandon. In addition to a niece and nephew, Patty and Ken Croft of the Memphis area, he is also survived by a host of Pee and Bryan nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Claudette Pee Klaas and brother-in-law W. O. Ray.

Mr. Croft's desire was to live to be at least 100 years old. With sheer determination, he was able to live alone until two weeks ago. The family is most appreciative to all those who cared for him in recent years, Sta-Home and River Bend Services, and especially to Debra Hughes and April King. Services were 1:00 pm. Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Wilcox Chapel with Rev. Dan Campbell and Rev. Hugh Smith officiating. Burial was in Parkway Cemetery in Kosciusko.

Pallbearers will be Michael Jones, Henry Bryan, Charles Bryan, Joe Bryan, Dr. Steve Green, and Mayor Brian Gomillion.

Memorials may be sent in his honor to Walnut Grove Methodist Church, P. O. Box 385, Walnut Grove, MS

Cemetery Details

Parkway Cemetery

Kosciusko, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Harley & Linda Garrett purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr William "Billy" Cleveland Croft, Jr.*



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