



Mr. William Lee Russell

December 28, 1941 - December 21, 2017

William Lee Russell
Carthage, MS

William Lee Russell was born in Madden, MS on December 28, 1941. He, along with his parents and siblings moved to Carthage when he was 4 years old and spent the remainder of his life here. He went to his heavenly home about 6:15 on December 21, 2017 at the age of 75.

Visitation is 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 23rd until 2:00 pm at the Carthage United Methodist Church. Services are 2:00 pm Saturday, December 23, 2017 at the Church with Bro. Keith Keeton and Bro. Kevin Trantham officiating. Burial is in Harris Cemetery with Wilcox Funeral Home handling arrangements.

William loved people and he loved life. His greatest joy was in service to others. He worked many jobs in Carthage from youth; manager for Howell's Bldg Supply for more than 20 years and as State Executive Director for MS Bldg Material Dealers for 14 years before his retirement. After retiring, he worked for the City of Carthage as Bldg Codes Inspector until the age of 70. During this time he also served 2 terms as a City Alderman.

William was a member of Carthage United Methodist Church since early youth. He served as MYF director now known as youth director. He was a member of the Choir for many years and served on many various committees, including being Bldg Committee Chairman. He was very instrumental in the

building of the parking lot on the east side. He also served as a Trustee.

William Lee served in the Mississippi National Guard for 9 years.

William loved his wife and family, his church, his city, county and state. He did everything he could to help people. He was a Little League Baseball Coach, Volunteer Fireman, officiated football games, announced football games on the radio, kept score at basketball games, was a member of the MS Jaycees and received the Governor's Award in Jaycees, and was MS High School Rodeo Chairman.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sammie Hollis Russell; a brother-in-law, Buck Turner; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grady Lee Russell and Mattie Ann Russell Ward; sisters, Martea Russell Alexander and Jeanette Russell Turner.

Memorial gifts may be made in his honor to Carthage United Methodist Church, 201 E. Franklin St., Carthage, MS 39051

Cemetery Details

Harris Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Carthage United Methodist Church
Carthage, MS 39051

Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Carthage, MS 39051

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in fond memories of them, and the Almighty God’s promise in the Bible to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to swallow up death forever. (Isaiah 25:8)

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