



Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell

June 11, 1927 - August 29, 2022

Funeral services for Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell, age 95, of Lexington, TN will be conducted at 2 PM on Friday September 2nd, 2022 at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington, TN with Minister P. J. Hardy and Minister Larry Waymire officiating. Burial will follow in Nebo Cemetery in Henderson County, TN. Mr. Russell died on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Born June 11, 1927 in Luray, TN, he was the son of Henry Thomas Russell and Cora Stanfill White Russell and was educated in the county school system. He was the twelfth of fifteen children in a large family that endured the 1920's and 1930's as sharecroppers in rural West Tennessee.

Mr. Russell, a retired General Foreman (Electrical Substation Construction) had 39 years of service with Tennessee Valley Authority upon retirement in 1989. He was a U. S. Army veteran having served in Germany in World War II. He was also a Scottish Rite Free Mason, 32nd Degree.

Mr. Russell faithfully worshiped God at Broad Street Church of Christ in Lexington, TN for two decades after relocating to Tennessee in 2001 from Okolona, MS, where he resided for 25 years and worshiped at Gatlin Street Church of Christ, being active in leadership there.

Mr. Russell is survived by two sons, Mike Russell (and wife Venita) of Lexington, TN and Steve Russell of Jackson, TN; a daughter Ann Russell Ward of Smyrna, TN; a step-daughter, Kathy Nicholson Hicks of Amory, MS; and a son-in-law, Dan Sullivan of Okolona, MS. He is also survived by his sister, Christine Russell Tritt of Wildwood, FL, 12 grandchildren, 22 great

grandchildren, and 4 dozen nephews and nieces.

Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 27 years, Jewel Pauline Nicholson Russell of Okolona, MS; his first wife (21 years), Betty Ann Brown Russell of Jackson, TN; step-son, Kenneth Nicholson and his wife Ann Nicholson of Okolona, MS; step-son Robert Nicholson of Okolona, MS; step-daughter, Jewel Nicholson Sullivan of Okolona, MS; daughter-in-law Martha Snider Russell of Lexington, TN; and grandchildren, Scott Sullivan, Danny Sullivan, and Wade Nicholson all of Okolona, MS. He was also preceded in death by five brothers and eight sisters; Raymond Russell, Matthew Russell, Truman White, Grey White, Otis White, Clora Russell, Ilene Russell Maness, Lila Russell Maness, Katherine Russell Greenway, Geneva Russell Odell, Virgie White Powell, Ruby Russell Barnes, and Peggy Russell Luna; as well as all of their spouses.

Pallbearers to serve are: David Barnes, Mark Barnes, Drew Hicks, Tracy White, Jamey Johns, Bobby Meadows, Will Byer, and Steve Russell

Visitation with the family will be from 6 PM until 8 PM on Thursday September 1st and on Friday September 2nd from 12 PM until the time of service at 2 PM Memorials may be directed to Nebo Methodist Church Cemetery Fund or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Nebo Cemetery

Beech Bluff, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
(731) 968-2544
info@paffordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.paffordfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
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Chapel Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell*



Pafford Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 12:20 PM

BW

Love it! Great memories, the best ever!

Beverly Ward - August 31, 2022 at 02:31 PM

BW

Love you daddy! ❤️

Beverly Ward - August 31, 2022 at 02:32 PM

BB

Beautiful tribute! Love you Uncle Tuck ❤️

Barbara Buckingham - September 01, 2022 at 01:26 PM

SS

*This is awesome. Uncle Tuck - you were such a sweetheart - and in this picture you look so much like Grandpa. Wonderful memories...
Sharon White Scherpenberg*

Sharon Scherpenberg - September 01, 2022 at 01:48 PM

BW

“ Beverly Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell



Beverly Ward - October 08, 2022 at 12:02 AM

BW

“ Beverly Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell



Beverly Ward - September 16, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell.



September 01, 2022 at 08:28 AM

RA

“ Reliance Aerotech purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell.



Reliance Aerotech - August 31, 2022 at 03:29 PM



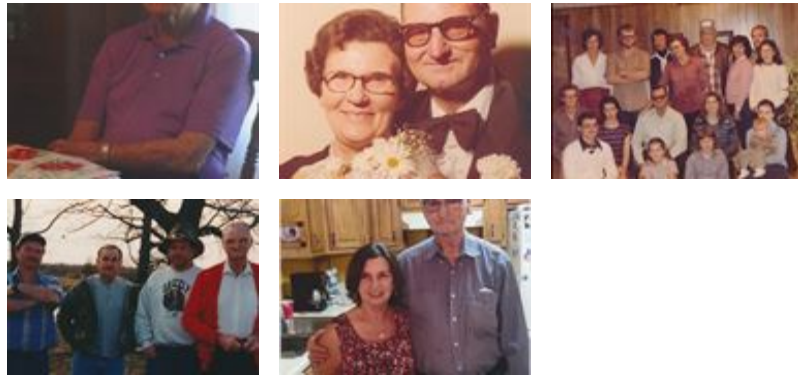
“ *Venita Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell*



Venita Russell - August 31, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilburn Gene Russell.*



August 31, 2022 at 11:35 AM