



Ellis Ray Wilks

April 30, 1930 - November 12, 2015

Ellis Ray Wilks age 85, of Arab passed away Thurs. Nov. 12, 2015, at his residence. Mr. Wilks was born on April 30, 1930, in Cullman County, AL to John T. and Dovie Ann Feemster Wilks. Mr. Wilks married the former Peggy Jean Ward of Joppa on June 3, 1955. He served in the Army in the Korean War, and while in the war he accepted the Lord as his Savior while in a foxhole in combat. He was a Dock Worker for 33 years before retiring from Ryder in Birmingham. Although he had a long career working on the dock his real passion was farming and he enjoyed that especially after retiring from Ryder. He also was an avid rabbit hunter and enjoyed listening to his beagles run. He was a true family man who loved his family. He is survived by his Wife: Peggy Wilks of Arab; Son: Joey (Lisa) Wilks of Arab; Daughters: Terry (Donnie) Adams of the Royal Community in Blount County, Lorry (Jimmy) Smallwood of the Ruth Community, and Melody (Ken) Lusk of Arab; Grandchildren: Heath (Kristi) Adams, Heather (Scott) McClendon, Dallas (Kim) Haney, Beth (Joseph) Ivey, Lorna Wilks, Jeremy Whisenant, Wes Lusk and a special Grandson: Jay Tetrault. He is also survived by 10 Great Grandchildren. Mr. Wilks was preceded in death by his Parents: John T. and Dovie Ann Wilks; Son: Samuel Keith Wilks; Granddaughter: Samantha mmond; 4 Sisters and 4 Brothers. Funeral Service was Sat. Nov. 14, 2015, at 2 PM at Hopewell Baptist Church with Bro. Quentin Claburn, Bro. Greg Stone and Bro. Paul Kelley officiating. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation was Friday from 6 PM until 8 PM at Gober Funeral Chapel. Pallbearers :

Heath Adams, Scott McClendon, Dallas Haney, Wes Lusk, Shaun Maze and Joseph Ivey. Honorary Pallbearers : Don V. Fleming, Lemuel Maze, Leon Goodwin and Larry Wilson.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church

3155 Hopewell Rd
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Lie in state at Church

NOV 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
3155 Hopewell Rd.
Arab, AL 35016

Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ellis Ray Wilks*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *Bonnie Isom lit a candle in memory of Ellis Ray Wilks*



Bonnie Isom - November 13, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellis Ray Wilks.*



November 13, 2015 at 10:07 AM