



Fred James Ponder

December 13, 1934 - October 9, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. Fred James Ponder, 76, of Henderson, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Mt. Olive, Mississippi with Rev. Jeff Easterland officiating. Interment will follow in Cooley Springs Cemetery under the direction of Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Mt. Olive. A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. The family will receive friends at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson on Monday, October 10, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Ponder passed away October 9, 2011 in Tyler. He was born December 13, 1934 in Mt. Olive, Miss. to the late Arthur and Janie Rutland Ponder. Mr. Ponder served his country in the U.S. Air Force, and upon leaving the service, he went to work for GTE in Sherman in 1957. In 1974 he was transferred to Henderson and later retired here after 40 years with GTE. He also owned and operated Ponder Tree Service. Mr. Ponder was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Henderson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Cecil and Robert Ponder; and sisters, Elise Ponder, Mary Doris Ponder, and Alene Ponder Batte. Survivors include: wife of 54 years, Barbara Ponder of Henderson; sons, Lynn Ponder and wife Gayle of College Station, and Steve Ponder and wife Betty of Minden; daughter, Debbie Padgett and longtime partner Ronald Jack Glenn of Henderson; sisters, Irene Napier of Mt. Olive, Miss. and Ruth Hollingsworth of Hattiesburg, Miss; grandchildren, Lauren Ponder and Jeremy Ponder of College Station, Whitney Ponder of Dallas, Chase Ponder of Minden, and Chris Padgett and fiance Chelsie

Wallace of Henderson; great-grandchild, Brenli Padgett; and several nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Chris Padgett, Chase Ponder, Gary Hollingsworth, Burt Ponder, Ronald Jack Glenn, and Jeffrey Hollingsworth. Honorary pallbearers will be Joey Cross, Ronnie Hollingsworth, Louis Lee, and Nicholas Hollingsworth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation at 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701. Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Mr Ponder was truly a fine man in every sense of the word. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janie Roberts - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *We are so sorry to learn of Fred's passing. God bless you all.*

Scooter and Patsy Phillips - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Whitney and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. David, Dianna, Megan, & Sadie*

The Whitlock Family - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Barbara and family, Sorry to learn of your loss. I will be praying for you and your family . May God give you strength and peace at this time. I will also pray for safe travel for you in the next few days...Becky*

Becky Stone - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Becky Stone - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ To all the family.Fread ment the world to me.He always treated Me like Family. He show me that there was still good people in this world. I love beening aroud him cutting tress all over Henderson Or where ever He had a job. I sure will mess Him. All of my Family love him too. With all our condolances. Our pryers are with all of you. Sincerely Gene Hooper

Gene Hooper - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Steve and Betty and family, Please know that we are praying for you during this difficult time.

Jamie Skelton - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ We regret we will not be able to be with you for the service.You and your family are in our prayers.Ruth Ann and I will see after you get back from Mississippi.all our love, Your cousin Earnest

Earnest Walt - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ The Ponder family is in my thoughts and prayers. I was talking to my mom and dad after we learned of his passing and they shared their fond memories of him coming to get turnip greens from dad's garden.

Jim Ballow - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I worked beside Mrs Ponder at a carpet store so long ago... Mr Ponder came and cut a small tree for me..... I enjoy their company and knowing them. Sorry for the passing of Fred.....God bless the Ponder Family.....

Karenjo Davis - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM