



Mr. R.B. Bethune

January 17, 2015

Mr. R.B. Bethune, 82, of Ringgold departed this life Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015.

He was born in Jackson County, Alabama to the late W.L. & Bessie Bethune and was a member of Gospel Way Baptist Church in Ringgold. R.B. retired from Coors Ceramics and served the Lord as an evangelist and often sang with his wife during their time of ministry at different churches in the area.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Bethune and several siblings.

Survivors include his children, David (Karen) Bethune, Patricia (Vernon) Fitzsimmons both of Ringgold, sisters, Nellie Ruth Johnson and Bernice Fickey both of Alabama, grandchildren, Christopher Bethune, Tracy Bethune, Brian Fitzsimmons, Holly Fitzsimmons, great grandchildren, Cody Bethune, Josh Bethune, Alex Bethune, Ava Fitzsimmons, Levi Fitzsimmons, Austin Brookshire, Hunter Brookshire, Caleb Fitzsimmons, Kinsley Maupin, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00PM Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2014 in the chapel with Rev. Brian Fitzsimmons officiating. Entombment will follow Calvary Gardens in Fort Oglethorpe. Family will receive friends from 5:00PM until 8:00PM Tuesday and prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Fort Oglethorpe,
Georgia. (706)866-5555

Tribute Wall

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear about R.B. passing; I just found this today 2/24/15.

R. B. & Betty & the whole family were so good to me as a young girl growing up. R.B. taught me the basics of guitar when I was only 11 or 12 years old. He would play his guitar upside down as he was left-handed. I have many fond memories of driving with R.B., Betty & Patricia on Alabama ice-covered roads to play & sing traditional gospel songs in many Alabama churches. I will always remember Betty & R.B.'s beautiful voices singing. No one had that great harmony that they did.

I know they are up in heaven singing in God's Angelic Choir. My heartfelt sympathy and prayer's go out to Patricia & and family.
Ramona (Mony) Smith

Ramona Smith - Nashville, TN - family - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I will always cherish the memories that I have of Uncle RB & Aunt Betty singing @ MawMaw Bernices' with Aunt Nellie & Uncle Buck. I have thought of him throughout the years & have been so Blessed to be able to share such Precious Memories with my children. They didn't meet either of them but have been able to Hear all of them on cassette tape. Aunt Patricia you & your family are in my prayers.

Love,

Scarlet Angel (Fickey) Stokes

Angel Stokes - opelika, AL - great niece - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *RB you were the most precious brother anyone could ever have. We will miss you and be so very lonely without hearing your voice. You will be miss so much. I loved you with all my heart. You are at rest where you wanted to be in your heavenly home. You and Betty will be singing in that heavenly choir. You were always there for me I love you so much brother. Your sister Bernice*

Bernice Fickey - Lanett , AL - Brother - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *As a child I always remembered my Uncle RB that I always visited. Uncle RB was so kind and sweet, blessings of love to our Family. He surrounded us with blessings of song and worshiped Gods Holy Word. As I grew older I knew you well and my heart loved you very very well. I'll miss your dearly as the sun does shine and now Father has another one of his sons and daughters as it was their time. Uncle RB and Aunt Betty Bethune you are now together and I know Father has Welcomed you in, cause Farther has nothing but loving hands and we soon shall be Joined in Heavenly Land. Your Niece Cheryl Regina Traylor*

Cheryl Regina Traylor - lanett, AL - niece - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Rest in Peace Uncle R B*

David C. Johnson - Valley, AL - Nephew - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ I will miss you uncle R.B I love you with all my an soul R.I.P your in a much better place now with our holy father in heaven

Alexander cole holloway - Lanett , AL - Uncle - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ So sorry Gary and I loved him .he and aunt Betty were precious

Elizabeth Johnson - Valley, AL - nice in law - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ What a precious man to know and love. He and Betty both. We had the honor of going to church with them. Now they are together again, with our Lord in heaven. "Oh what a Savior" I can hear them singing that great song!

Gerald and Kathy - Ringgold, GA - Friend - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ RB BETHUNE, OUR FAMILY LOVED YOU AND BETTY SO MUCH, WE ENJOYED YOUR FRINDSHIP, AND ALL THE TRIPS WE MADE TOGEATHER. YOU WERE LIKE FAMILY TO US. YOU WERE THE BEST FRIEND WE HAVE EVER HAD, THANKS FOR ALL THE PRAYERS . YOU WERE SPECIAL . LOVE JANICE VIAR AND FAMILY

JANICE VIAR - st ridge tenn, TN - friend - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM