



George Mason Caraway

October 26, 1926 - July 20, 2016

George Mason Caraway, 89, of Noxapater, MS, died peacefully on July 20 at the Veterans Administration Nursing Home in Kosciusko, MS. He was born on October 26, 1926, in Hickory, MS, to James Priestly Caraway and Ruby Nell Gunn Caraway.

Mr. Caraway served in the U. S. Marines during World War II, where he was assigned to the Pacific Theatre. He was discharged on August 6, 1946. When he returned to Mississippi, he began his career in Jackson as a Civil Engineer for the MS Department of Transportation, where he worked from October, 1946, until his retirement in August, 1984. While living in Jackson, he coached in youth baseball leagues, and was an example and mentor to many young men. He eventually became an umpire in baseball, and a referee in football and basketball for the MS High School Athletic Association His reputation for fairness and impartiality earned him great respect among coaches, players, and other officials. When he transferred to the Louisville District Office of MDOT, he continued to officiate in the north-central part of the state. He took great pride in his work as a Civil Engineer and as an official. He was an avid hunter and fisherman for as long as his health allowed.

Mr. Caraway served in active leadership roles at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jackson, and at Noxapater Baptist Church in Noxapater.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and mother of his children, Bobbye Jo Smith Caraway, daughter Sherry Nell Caraway, and second wife Mary Barrier Caraway. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Denman, Demar, Jeff, Edward, Natie, and Brian, and by a sister, Edna Kyle.

He is survived by his daughter, Brenda O'Bannon and her husband, John, of Starkville; daughter Michele Caraway of Jackson, son Mike Caraway and his wife, Jeananne, of Clinton, and sister Earline Young of Pascagoula. He is also survived by his grandchildren Tyler O'Bannon and wife Lauren, Taylor Caraway, Wesley Caraway, and Hailey Caraway, and by his great-grandson, Judah O'Bannon.

Visitation for Mr. Caraway will be Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2016, at Noxapater Baptist Church in Noxapater, Mississippi, with Rev. Don Cook officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Noxapater.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Armstrong, Derek Caraway, Greg Caraway, Kirk Caraway, Terry Wayne Caraway, and Wesley Caraway. Honorary pallbearers are Duane Caraway, Sammy Carter, and Kenny Creekmore. Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tribute Program, P. O. Box 1000 Department 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS 39339. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at <http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Events

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Alice Street

Noxapater, MS, 39350

JUL **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Nowell-Massey Funeral Home

724 N. Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS, US, 39339

JUL **Service** 02:00PM

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Noxapater Baptist Church

Alice Street, Noxapater, MS, US, 39346

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for y'all.

Pam Thomas - July 24, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ When Mason Caraway came to Louisville as Chief Engineer of the Mississippi Highway Department, he hired me as his secretary. I came with no experience in this field, but he had unending patience, even later helping me to learn drafting resulting in my being promoted to an Engineer Aide. He was a great leader and was loved by all his workers.

He took a great interest in mission trips to Honduras. He was a Baptist and proud to say that he was sure of his salvation.

He loved his wife, the mother of his children. Once he told me if she should leave him, he would be right out of the door after her, but added that I wasn't to tell her what he's said. He was so proud of his children, always keeping us updated on their accomplishments.

I visited Lakeside Care Home several times while he was there and found him doing what he had always been good at, helping others. He would go by and help a wheelchair resident get to the table at lunch time and see that she had whatever she needed.

His children can be proud that they were fortunate enough to have a father like Mason Caraway.

Nancy Shepherd

Nancy Shepherd - July 22, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ Mason was a good friend and mentor to me during many years of officiating high school football in the Starkville area. His kindness and helpfulness meant a lot to me. I am saddened by his death, and extend sincere prayers to the family. All my best wishes, Larry Jones, Lexington, KY

Larry Jones - July 22, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ Mason was such a kind soul and a good person! I Know he will be missed by his family,especially Michele and Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

With love,

Pat(Watkins) Farris



Patricia Farris - July 22, 2016 at 01:04 PM