



Matthews "Mac" Ray Briggs

July 14, 1927 - April 28, 2012

Matthews Ray Briggs, "Mac", age 84 of Greenbrier, TN passed away Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Skyline Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Mac was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and neighbor. He was born July 14, 1927 in Greenbrier, TN to Vester Samuel & Maggie Lela Hollis Briggs. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brothers, Elmer, Carney and Raymond and sisters, Gracie Jones, Bonnie Nash and Mary Cooksey. He worked at Tennessee Aircraft and at DuPont for 35 years. He retired at age 55. He enjoyed fishing, farming, driving his tractors and camping. Mac was a lifetime member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. A Celebration of his life will be held at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 11 AM with Bro. Mike Cummings officiating. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Dorothy Mefford Briggs; daughter Rose Briggs Bedwell (Gary), Colleyville, TX; sons, Samuel Ray Briggs(Debbie) & Terry Lee Briggs(Sarah) both of Greenbrier, TN; 6 Grandchildren; Tabitha Lynn Mondrage(Greg), Murfreesboro, TN, Chad Bedwell, Southlake, TX, Shane Briggs, Charleston, SC, Misty McAdams(Billy), Townsville, SC, Lacie Bedwell Betancourt (Arturo), Katy, TX, Lauren Briggs, Greenbrier, TN; 7 Great Grandchildren; Alex Handley & Whitney Mondrage, Cole & Addison Bedwell, Wyatt & Lucas McAdams, Megan Briggs; numerous nephews & nieces. Mac was happiest when family and extended family members shared his love of his old home place of almost 80 years. He and Dorothy lived, worked and raised their family on the family farm. Visitation will

be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 6-9 PM and on Wednesday 10-11AM the time of the Service. Interment will follow the service at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery with Chad Bedwell, Shane Briggs, Earl Beasley, Alex Handley, Curt Crain & Kenneth Cooksey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Sunday School Class of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier Chapel 2619 Highway 41 South Greenbrier, TN 37073 Phone 615.643.4000

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“ Ray & Terry. I am sorry for your loss. May Gods strenght be with you during this sad time. Miss seeing you both at Peterbilt. Hugs.

Debbye Harrison - May 02, 2012 at 12:35 AM

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“ It was always a joy to have Mac in our Sunday School class. He brought the wisdom of the years, love of the scriptures, and shared his love of his brothers and sisters in Christ generously. How fitting to learn that he recently was able to enjoy time on his tractor working on his garden, something he took great pride in, I know physically it was a struggle, but again, it gave him great satisfaction.

Douglas Drake - May 01, 2012 at 07:43 PM

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“ Rosanne, dear classmate, you obviously are a wonderful reflection of your Dad who must have been a great guy. I also lost my Dad 2 yr. ago, we will miss them always my heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time. Hope to see you at our reunion soon, love and sympathy to you and your family. Paula and Jerry Stone

Paula (Jamison) Stone - May 01, 2012 at 12:07 PM