



Edward M. Downs, Jr.

February 26, 1941 - July 22, 2009

Edward McFerrin Downs, Jr., 68, of Searcy passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in Little Rock.

Mr. Downs was born February 26, 1941 in, Slayden, Mississippi, the son of Edward M. Downs, Sr. and Nellye Gray Hurdle Downs. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a retired farm equipment sales manager. Mr. Downs also served as a bailiff for Judge Craig Hannah.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Patricia Ann Burke Downs of Searcy; daughters, Edie Ann Hightower and husband, Jeremy, Patti Jana Pence, and Ferrin Patrice Vest and husband, Robert "Bo" all of Searcy; four grandchildren, Ashlynn Brooke Hightower, Alexandria McFerrin Hightower, Dallas Lynn Pence, and Merritt Gabrielle Vest.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Edward McFerrin Downs, III; twin granddaughters, Margaret Lynn and Addison Mae Pence.

Mr. Downs was an avid hunter and horseman. He loved his girls and found his greatest peace and contentment in being Papa to his four beautiful grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group, C/O
Judy Benson or the United Way of White County.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time. Just look to God and he will help you deal with your loss. He will keep you all in his loving arms and give you the peace and understanding necessary to go forward in life. Many hugs from me also.*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Judy Southerland

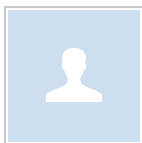
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“ *Pat - I have always thought so much of you and Ed. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and wanted you to know you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tyler and Amy Hyatt

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“ *Pat and girls, Im so sorry to hear about Ed, your in my thoughts and prayers.*

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“ *Ms. Pat and family, I have known you for many years and worked for you. Please accept my condolences and know you are in my thoughts and prayers. It won't be easy, but you will get through this difficult time.*

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“ *You're in my thoughts and prayer.*

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