



Ernest A. Caraway III

January 11, 1943 - December 17, 2014

Ernest A. Caraway, III passed away on December 17th, 2014 at the age of 71. He was a resident of Searcy, but lived in Jonesboro, AR for the last 20 years.

Ernest was born in Egypt, Arkansas on January 11, 1943. As the second of four children, he was the only boy. His older sister gave him the nickname "Man."

Ernest loved his family and had a special place in his heart for his dogs. His passion for serving the hungry and poor motivated him to begin a food bank at Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR. He was awarded the "Heart of Service" award for his leadership of this program.

He worked at GMAC for 30 years where he was promoted and transferred all over the country during his career. After retirement, he returned to Northeast Arkansas where he began several businesses: Answering Jonesboro, Interim Personnel, and Match Audit Service. His last position was in Jonesboro with Mid-south Bank, where he retired in 2013.

Ernest is lovingly remembered by his wife Betty Caraway of Searcy, AR; his sister, Pat Caraway of Peoria, IL; his daughters Mandy Lloyd (Rees) and Kara Abston (Robert), both of Searcy, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Macy Gladu (Ryan), Abby Lloyd, Callie Feather (Jacob), Tucker Lloyd, and Heidi Abston;

one great-grandchild, William Gladu, and other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Gladys Caraway, and his sisters, Carol Dewitt and Donna Fox.

A visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014 at Powell Funeral Home (2602 West Beebe-Capps Exp., Searcy, AR 72143). The funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Southwest Church of Christ food bank (1601 James Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401) or the Downtown Church of Christ food bank (900 North Main Street, Searcy, AR 72143). www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

CF

“ So very sorry about Ernie. I have known him most of my life - we were schoolmates at Egypt School. He was always polite, well spoken, and a true gentleman. Our friendship was renewed when he began helping on the Egypt School Reunion and we all worked together on that. He put in many long hours helping put that together and always made it a success. He will be greatly missed!

Carolyn Burns Faulkner - February 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM

MW

“ Betty, We were so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. It was really a shock; we weren't aware that he was ill. You are in our prayers.

*Mary & Ralph Wann
Jonesboro*

Mary & Ralph Wann - February 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM

BH

“ Betty and Mandy,
So sorry for your loss. Ernie was a great and christian person. When Jane was sick he always checked on us to see how we were doing. When Jane died he always made sure we were doing ok. We will be praying for each of you.

Billy

Billy Holland - February 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM

JR

“ *Betty and Family, Jerry and I share your sorrow in the loss of Ernie. We'll never forget the time when he knocked on our door, inviting us to your house, down the block, to begin a non-denominational Bible study. We met every week for the good part of a year. It was a great way to get to know our neighbors, and we Christians learned that we are much more alike than we are different in our faiths. Ernie was a generous and a good man. Jerry and Nadine Runsick*

Jerry and Nadine Runsick - February 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM