



Francis Henry Batts

January 12, 1933 - February 7, 2018

Francis Henry (Poop Deck) Batts, age 85, went home to his Father on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Poop Deck passed away at home. He was born January 12, 1933 in Crosby, Arkansas to Henry Payne and Margaret Gerbert Batts. He went to Morris School and Crosby School. He was a business owner of Batts Body Shop and Batts Grocery Store. He was an auto body mechanic for 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Frances Marie Batts; 3 sisters, Bennie Buch, Elizabeth B. Wofford and Veronica M. Adams; six children, Janet Oakes (Johnny), Edward Batts (Earlene), Ann Carter (Delton), Mitchell Batts (Karen - predeceased), Michael Batts (Tracy) and Michelle Dixon (Kevin); eighteen grandchildren, Dustin, Lance and Josh Oakes, Rocky Batts, Ashleigh Sparks, Robert and Jake Robison, Christopher Deen, Mitchell Batts, Jr., Garren Batts, Jarred Batts, Amanda Batts, Jason Chambers, Matthew Chambers, Sarah Whitmarsh, Kenny Isom, John Luke Dixon and Frances Abigail Dixon. He had 21 great-grandchildren and Multiple loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Margaret Batts; two brothers, Guy William Batts and Robert Joseph Batts; two sisters, Martha Geneva Pratt and Mary Jeannette Smith.

Poop was a life-long member of St. James Catholic Church. He started serving Mass at St. James and St. Richards in 1943 at age 10. He loved drinking coffee at Main Street Cafe with his friends, enjoyed fish and loved going to the Searcy Fire Department to visit with his grandsons, but most of all loved being with his wife and family.

A Rosary will be conducted on Thursday, February 15th at 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. following the Rosary.

Cremation arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
1102 Pioneer Rd.
Searcy, AR 72143

Mass

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ So sorry I just found out

Marion Galloway - February 19, 2018 at 02:00 PM

LY

“ I remember him coming to my grandparents restaurant Ethels drive in on main street. Great man!!! Also went to school with Mitch and Mike. Praying for you all!

Lisa Yarbrough - February 15, 2018 at 12:39 AM

CI

“ Janet I enjoyed seeing your mom and dad at nhmarket He was so proud to be 85. I will miss seeing him as I know the family will also.. What a wonderful man Prayers to you and your family Cherie Buchanan Isham

cherie isham - February 14, 2018 at 10:13 PM

DC

“ Dr. Reeves, Whitney, & McAfee Medical Clinic purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Francis Henry Batts.



Dr. Reeves, Whitney, & McAfee Medical Clinic - February 14, 2018 at 02:50 PM

GY

“ Poop was a happy ,friendly person that everyone all ways love to see him and talk a little Ha !

Gary Yarbrough - February 14, 2018 at 12:29 PM

PW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Poop and Fran were the best neighbors a family could have. He was definitely one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.
Johnny & Patti Wood

Patti Wood - February 14, 2018 at 11:49 AM

AS

“ Love you always Paps! You were one of a kind I'll always carry our memories in my heart.
Love Ash



Ashleigh Sparks - February 14, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Francis Henry Batts.



February 13, 2018 at 09:57 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a very sweet man.
Michelle Moore

Michelle Moore - February 13, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Francis Henry Batts.



February 13, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Francis Henry Batts.



February 12, 2018 at 05:26 PM