



## Bobby Neal Blackwell

February 13, 1935 - November 13, 2024

Bobby Neal Blackwell, age 89, a longtime resident of Hueytown, Alabama passed away November 13, 2024 after a brief illness. He served in the US Navy on the USS Sperry AS-12, spending most of his time on Guam and in San Diego.

A native of Walker County he was born in Aldridge (Bradleytown) to Neil Dobbs Blackwell and Inez Bradley Blackwell on February 13, 1935. After his military service he returned home where he had nearly 60 years of service in the coal industry. He was employed by Alabama By-Products that later became Drummond Co. He was very proud of his UMWA membership. In 1961 he married Arline Appling who had accepted a teaching position at Hueytown High School. They established residence in Hueytown where they have resided for almost 63 years. When his work schedule permitted he became a member of the Hueytown Lions Club where he was recognized as Lion of the Year.

Mr. Blackwell was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Faye McDonald Koetter. He is survived by his wife, a son Kevin Blackwell, daughter-in-law Michelle Tichenor Blackwell and grandchildren Brennan and Madison Blackwell. He is also survived by a brother Hugh Blackwell of Pickinsville and a sister Nancy Blackwell of Hueytown.

Visitation for Mr. Blackwell will be held at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home located at 4780 Letson Farms Parkway, McCalla, Alabama on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Graveside services will be

held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama.

Family requests no flowers please

# Cemetery Details

## Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Alabama 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
[info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com)

## Graveside Service

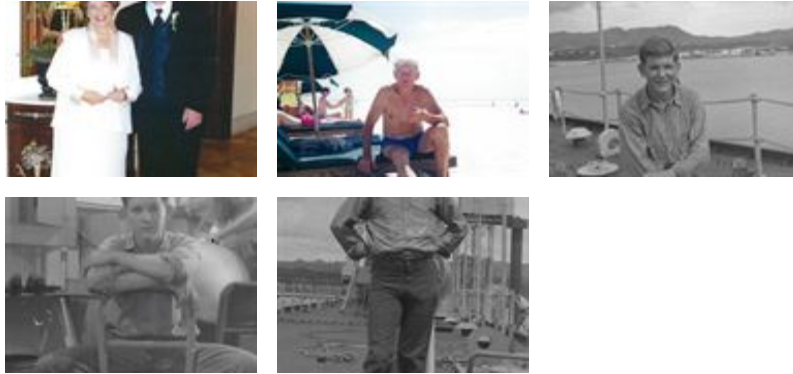
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3133 Alabama 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115

# Tribute Wall



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions** - November 18, 2024 at 03:32 PM

CM

“ *Mrs. Blackwell, please know I am praying for you and your family. I never met your husband, but I feel like I know him because of the things you shared with us during our class time with you.*

*Cathy Moore Mills*

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**Cathy Mills** - November 15, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JJ

“ Dear Arline,

*Our heart goes out to you in the loss of Bobby Neal. 63 years together surely provides a wealth of warm and happy memories that will comfort you in the weeks and months ahead. I enjoyed our occasional conversations at the end of my walks through the neighborhood. You were always out raking, mowing, gardening, etc. and we had many insightful conversations.*

*Warmest regards,  
Jim and Melanie Jonas*

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**Jim Jonas** - November 15, 2024 at 10:07 AM

JL

“ Dear Blackwell family,

*I'm sorry to read of your loved one's passing and may all find comfort in our Lord's word during this time of sadness.*

*In the words of Jesus found in John 11:23-26;*

*“Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”*

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

*A wonderful promise from our Lord Jesus that we can believe and have confidence in.*

*God's continued blessings be upon you all.*

*John Lunsford / UMWA LU-9511*

*Drummond Coal Co., Cedrum Mines*



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**John Lunsford** - November 15, 2024 at 01:21 AM

MA

*Mrs. Arline, Lloyd and I are praying for you during your loss. We love you.*

*Lloyd and Margaret Allison, gym friends*

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**Margaret Alluson** - November 15, 2024 at 02:27 PM

GH

*Arline and Kevin— Very sad to hear of Bobby's passing. He was such a nice man to talk with. I will keep you in prayer for peace and understanding.*

*Gerald and Peggy Hicks.*

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**gerald Hicks** - November 18, 2024 at 10:52 PM