



## Joseph Dale Oglesby

August 23, 1945 - May 4, 2024

Joseph Dale Oglesby “Joe”, 78, of Bessemer, AL received his heavenly promotion on May 4, 2024. Joe succumbed to a brief battle with cancer at his home, surrounded by family and a few close friends.

Joe graduated from Bessemer High School in 1963. He proudly served in the United States Army Reserves for 6 years.

Joe worked as an Insurance Claims Specialist throughout his career and also later served in a role as legal liaison for the company in cases ranging from medical malpractice to various types of workplace discrimination/harassment; he retired from Traveler’s Insurance Company in 2006. After retirement, Joe enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Throughout his life, he faithfully honored his Heavenly Father by serving as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, Royal Ambassadors leader and served on various committees in the churches of which he was a member; he also served as a Gideon, speaking at various churches and handing out Bibles, as well as being a long-time volunteer at The Grace Place. He was a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church.

Joe also coached boys sports over the years (Upwards Basketball) and was a football referee (pee wee, Jr. High and High School).

If you knew Joe, you knew that he loved his wife, his children and his grands and his great grand beyond measure! (And you knew he loved the Alabama Crimson Tide- Roll Tide!!). Having a great sense of humor, Joe loved to laugh and to bring joy to those around him. He was a peace maker of sorts, yet he would stand firm beside his convictions and stand up for the teachings of The Bible, even if it was not the current “popular” feeling or belief among all he knew.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Freddie Lucas Oglesby; children Melissa Oglesby Richmond (Gerald) and Michele Oglesby Freeman (Doyce); grandchildren Luke Freeman (Briley), Mallory Richmond, Landon Freeman, Joseph Richmond and great grandchild Thomas Freeman.

He was preceded in death by parents Clarence and Lorene Oglesby; brothers Donald Oglesby and Jerome Oglesby.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home located at 4780 Letson Farms Parkway, McCalla, AL 35111. Visitation will begin from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM  
Burial to follow at Valhalla Cemetery in Midfield, Alabama.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

839 Wilkes Road  
Birmingham, AL 35228

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

VO

“ So sorry for Joe's passing but rejoicing in the service to Our Lord that he shared with others. I always enjoyed speaking with him at our BHS-1963 reunions. My deepest sympathies to the family. --  
Vanessa Odom

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**Vanessa Odom** - May 17, 2024 at 11:17 AM

WC

“ Sweet person even as a teenager. I remember we sat at the same table in Home Room at BHS.

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**Wilburn Crane** - May 16, 2024 at 10:14 PM

GB

“ Until we meet again! You and your family were a big part of my life. Happy that we had time to talk.

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**Guy Boyd** - May 11, 2024 at 08:08 PM

FC

“ Sorry to hear of Joe's passing . I remember when we were at Westside and he had the young boys in RA's . Brian thought the world of him! Joe was such a fine Christian man . Brian is now in his Heavenly home as well as Joe . Prayers are with the family during this time !! In Christ, Frances Cain

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**Frances Cain** - May 09, 2024 at 08:49 PM

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“Oglesby Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**Oglesby Family** - May 07, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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May 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TF

“The Tim and Dianne Franks Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**The Tim and Dianne Franks Family** - May 07, 2024 at 09:12 AM

GH

“George & Kelly Hall purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**George & Kelly Hall** - May 07, 2024 at 09:10 AM

PC

“ Peggy Chappell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Dale Oglesby.

Peggy Chappell - May 07, 2024 at 12:35 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



May 07, 2024 at 12:35 AM

FF

“ Florence, Olive & Hester Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



Florence, Olive & Hester Family - May 06, 2024 at 10:54 PM

KW

“ Karen Wilkerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Dale Oglesby.

Karen Wilkerson - May 06, 2024 at 09:45 PM

KW

“ Karen Wilkerson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**Karen Wilkerson** - May 06, 2024 at 09:45 PM

LF

“ Love, David & Debbie and our Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**Love, David & Debbie and our Family** - May 06, 2024 at 09:26 PM

TJ

“ The Gauldin' s & The Jay's purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**The Gauldin' s & The Jay's** - May 06, 2024 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ Anthony and Vicki Hughes and Jane Stanbr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



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**Anthony and Vicki Hughes and Jane Stanbr** - May 06, 2024 at 06:53 PM

UR

“ UAB Highlands Ortho Radiology planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Dale Oglesby.

UAB Highlands Ortho Radiology - May 06, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



May 06, 2024 at 04:07 PM

RC

“ Rebecca Coogle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Dale Oglesby.

Rebecca Coogle - May 06, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Dale Oglesby.



May 06, 2024 at 03:11 PM