



Sidney R. Bearden

March 7, 1918 - June 16, 2019

Today on Father's Day he meets his Heavenly Father.. Rest in peace Big Daddy, we love you. One of the last of the greatest generation he now belongs to heaven and history. Sidney Robert "Big Daddy" Bearden born March 7, 1918 in Montevallo, Alabama. Born the oldest of seven boys to Robert and Effie Bearden. Attended a one room school house in the community of Salem just outside Montevallo, he took off a year in the 3rd grade to "help his daddy make a crop". Graduated from Montevallo High School in 1935. After graduation worked his way thru a 2 year business college in Missouri as a farm hand. After the entrance of the United States in the second world war he enlisted in the U S Army Air Force attending flight and gunnery-armorer school. He flew 35 combat bombing missions over Europe as a nose turret gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator including the famous (Operation Tidal Wave) that destroyed axis oil production facilities in Ploiesti Romania. After the war he married and was a faithful husband for over 60 years to the late Pauline Campbell Bearden, they had 3 daughters, Dianne Hollon (Jack) Sandra Jolley (Dewitt) and Anita Powell (Jackie). Sidney retired as a lead man from Hercules Powder plant in Bessemer after 33 years (but received his retirement pension for another 38 years). He served his local Church 40 years as Clerk-Treasurer-Trustee and Property Custodian. On his 100th birthday he received birthday wishes from Governor of Alabama and President of the United States. He was also considered to be a above average squirrel hunter, and fisherman. He is survived by his 3 daughters, 7

grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.
Exodus 20:12, Colossians 3:23-24. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 19,
2019 from 10 AM until 11 AM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home. A
graveside service will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM at
Highland Memorial Gardens

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Graveside Service

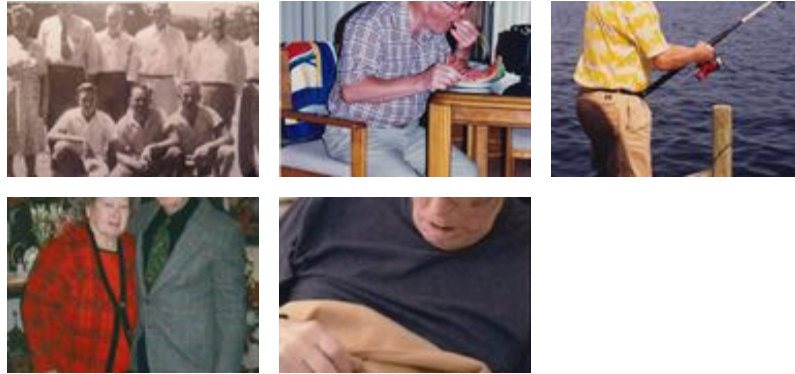
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Tribute Wall



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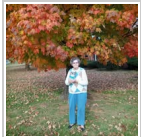


McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - June 18, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to everyone of you! My heart is heavy and the memories overflowing of the many years we have known each other. May God continue to bless this family! David Matthews*

David Matthews - June 17, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *Brother Breaden was a special friend and an outstanding christian. He was a faithful loving man, had a loving wife and family. He will be greatly missed, I am sure, by all of you; but he is enjoying Heaven with his loving spouse Pauline Bearden, what a reunion. I can only imagine, what it was like when they met. Blessings to all of you dear and wonderful friends. Gene and I counted it a high honor to be your pastor and spouse for 1 year. You blessed us greatly. We always loved to hear you sing as a family, you really blessed us and blessed the local church and congregation. Juanita Weakley*

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