



## Thomas Larry "Sonny" Dickinson

March 14, 1938 - December 20, 2014

Thomas Dickinson, formerly of Johns AL, Brookhaven, MS, and Ocean Springs, MS

Mr. Dickinson was born in Bessemer, AL on March 14, 1938 to Thomas Ramon and Mary Evelyn Bain Dickinson. He married Ida Gail Glover Dickinson on February 12, 1960. He studied Engineering at the University of Alabama and also received a degree in pharmacy from Auburn University. He owned Sav on Drugs in Brookhaven, MS, was involved in the oil and gas industry, auto sales, electrical services, financial services and numerous other businesses and ventures. He was active in several pharmaceutical societies, original founder and served on the board of directors for Brookhaven Academy, and was very active in the schools and community.

He was a kind, generous, helpful, and loving patriarch and friend to many. He did everything with great ease and little fanfare. There is no limit to the things he could do, and do exceedingly well. He was very creative as a gifted engineer, inventor, mechanic, electrician, repairman, and entrepreneur. He was a pilot, enjoyed playing music and sports, was an avid hunter and fisherman. He formerly served the state of Alabama as a rescue diver. In the early years of racing, he was an engine builder. He was an original member of NASCAR and is recognized for his contributions to the racing industry at the

Alabama Auto Racing Pioneer Museum at Talledega.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Ramon and Mary Evelyn Bain Dickinson. He is survived by his wife Gail Glover Dickinson; sisters Bettye Moore (Charlie) and Carole Stevens (Charles); children Rhonda Stringfellow (Thomas Dale), Cynthia Huesmann (Charles Frederick "Bubba"), and Thomas Larry Dickinson, Jr. (Laurie Yawn); grandchildren Charles Raymond Huesmann (Nichole), Thomas Alexander Stringfellow, Daniel Blaine Huesmann, Travis Bryant Stringfellow, Joseph Cole Dickinson, Victoria Gale Dickinson, and Thomas Luke Dickinson; great-grandchildren Lexie, Kyleigh, and McKenzie Huesmann, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. The family wishes to thank all of the friends who were and are a great part of their lives. They are also considered as family.

Funeral services will be on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 2:00 PM at McCalla Memorial Funeral home with burial to follow in Adger Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on the day of the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Adger Cemetery

7150 John Rd  
Adger, AL 35006

# Tribute Wall

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“ As far back as I can remember Larry and Gail were friends of our family. He was a very kind and sweet natured person. When I was having trouble in a math class at BA, he helped me to understand how the problems were solved. Always had a smile. We also went to church together at Heucks Retreat. My husband and I were going to go by and see them back in April while we were around their area. The weather got bad and we decided to come on home. Sure wish we had carried that plan out. To Ms. Gail, Rhonda, Cynitha and Tom I am so sorry for your loss. Hold tight to your memories and we will see him again one day. Love to the family. Gail Norton Blackwell.

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**gail norton blackwell** - December 30, 2014 at 01:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Larry "Sonny" Dickinson.



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December 28, 2014 at 06:56 PM



“ I tried to think about what my parents would say here. I think my dad would say that Larry was a good friend who would and could do anything to help in anyway possible. I am sure Mama would have something to say about homemade ice cream. For me Larry Dickinson was the most intelligent people I've ever met when it came to building or making anything. He left everyone amazed at what project he would come up with next. I am certainly a better person for having known him.

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**Timothy Posey** - December 28, 2014 at 01:51 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Larry "Sonny" Dickinson.*



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December 27, 2014 at 07:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Larry "Sonny" Dickinson.*



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December 27, 2014 at 06:52 PM