



Jess Willard Bearden

August 22, 1930 - March 28, 2021

Jess Willard Bearden, age 90 of Ball Ground, passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at his residence. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:30PM Sunday April 18, 2021 from the Ball Ground First Baptist Church with Reverend Tommy Merritt and Reverend Jeff Brown officiating. He is survived by:

Wife - Martha Bearden of Ball Ground

Son - Willard Dwight Bearden of Canton

Daughter - Donna Bearden-Cook (David Cook) of Murphy, NC.

Brother - Tony Bearden of Alpharetta

Sister - Joyce Pettett of Marietta

6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren also survive.

The caring staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bearden family.

Comments



“ Bailey loved her Pawpaw dearly. She will always have the love and memories of their special times together. She loved her time with Papaw. Her most favorite thing to do with him was playing the piano and signing while Nanny and Bailey danced together. She also enjoyed taking rides on the golf cart and just hanging out.



Debbie Quillen Resto - April 18 at 09:56 AM



“ I will always fondly remember the family get-togethers at the holidays from my childhood throughout the 80's and 90's - at the house off Sandy Plains and then later at the house in Ball Ground. Uncle Willard always had a roaring fire going. And there was always so much good food! The rook games were EPIC! They had a trophy they'd award to the winning team & a new polaroid of the winners was taken each time the trophy changed hands. And Uncle Willard always told the best stories while sitting around the card table! Sometimes, David could be talked into pickin' the banjo. The coffee drinking, good conversation and rook playing would sometimes extend into the wee hours.

I also fondly remember going fishing with Dad and Uncle Willard. Sometimes, when he'd catch a fish - he'd unhook it, fuss at it a little & then spit some tobacco juice in it's mouth before throwing it back.

Very good memories!

bradley pettett - April 01 at 09:15 PM



“ He was my favorite person, he made my childhood come alive. I can only wish my kids would have been able to meet him. Between fishing, playing in the creek, going for rides in his old army jeep, I learned many things from him and I will cherish all our moments forever. I love you Pawpaw, forever.



Ashlee Bearden - March 30 at 10:04 AM