



Glenn Merrell

August 1, 1923 - May 29, 2012

Glenn Wilburn Merrell died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, in River Ridge Nursing Home, Wynne, Arkansas. He was born August 1, 1923, on a farm near Crawfordsville, Arkansas. He was the fourth of eight children born there to Golda Barks Merrell and William Wesley Merrell. With his oldest brother in the Army in Germany, the other older brother in the Civilian Conservation Corp, and his older sister working in an ammunition plant near Lonoke, Glenn dropped out of school after completing the 11th grade, to help his Father when the family moved to a farm near Parkin. Four years later, his Father bought a farm just West of Forrest City, where Glenn lived until entering a hospital in Forrest City in late April, 2012.

Glenn was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Jean Satterfield; his parents; older brothers Cecil Raymond and Lewis Chamberlin (LC); older sister, Alma Ruth Short; younger brothers, Virgil and Bill. He is survived by a younger brother, Curtis; and younger sister, Betty Jo Griffith (Gordon); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews and many friends. He and Margaret did not have any children.

In 1944, Glenn was on a bus to Little Rock's Camp Robinson to be inducted into the Army when he became very ill. While being examined at a hospital, it was determined that he had a ruptured appendix. He had emergency surgery and spent about six weeks in the hospital. He was then released to return to

farming. Cecil was killed in combat in Germany in 1945 and Glenn's Father died with a heart attack shortly afterward. Glenn assumed total responsibility for the farming operation and taking care of his Mother and four younger siblings. He worked from daylight into the night. He was one of the first farmers in St. Francis County to use an aluminum pipe -sprinkler irrigation system and won many blue ribbons at the County Fair. He postponed marriage until all his younger siblings finished high school and left the farm. He then rented his Mother an apartment in Forrest City.

As a young man, even with all the hours he worked on the farms, Glenn still found time to play some weekend baseball and competed in Golden Gloves boxing in Memphis. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Forrest City for over 60 years, where he taught Sunday School and served as a Deacon for many years. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially duck hunting. In later years he enjoyed reading and visiting with his friends at the nearby Farmers Cooperative and in restaurants in and near Forrest City. He was a young man who gave up any other dreams or plans he may have had, by dropping out of school to help his parents and four younger siblings have a better life. He was an intelligent, honest, hard working, Christian, patriotic, humorous, giver. He helped a lot of people.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City. Burial will follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 before the service at the church. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The world has lost a great and Godly man in my Uncle Glenn, and a source of laughter and leadership in our family, as well. Uncle Glenn loved family, and you could tell he really loved all his nieces and nephews, as well. I can remember visiting him each summer and going hunting on the family farm and laughing with him as he warned us to not let Uncle LC (who was darned near blind) shoot the dogs when we went rabbit hunting. I can also remember him scolding me and my cousins, Kem and Griff, when we would toss firecrackers in his cotton trailers, too. Through it all, he always had a kind heart, a twinkle in his eye, and a joke when you needed it...and I don't know if there was ever a bigger fan of the Razorbacks in the whole state. We regret not being able to be there with family in this time of grief and remembrance, but we have made a donation to Alzheimer's Arkansas in Glenn's memory. May God receive him warmly into heaven, and allow him to watch over us, his buddies at the CO-OP, and the Hogs, too.*

Scott, Alecia & AJ Merrell - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Glenn. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Lana and Bill*

Lana and Bill Newman - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Mr. Glenn will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity to those in need. I know he is now with his sweet beloved Margaret, who was so cruelly murdered several years ago. Rest in peace Mr. Glenn...you and Miss Margaret are now together. Praying for this dear family.*

Debbie Trail Childress - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

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“ *The world has lost a generous, caring, thoughtful man with the death of my uncle Glenn Merrell. One of my favorite childhood memories is visiting his and Aunt Margaret's farm in the summer with my younger brother Roy and our parents. I remember tractor rides sitting in his lap and trips "into town" in the back of his pickup. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a quick hug. As an adult, I appreciate his kindness to our dad after our mother passed away 12 years ago. Every week, Glenn, then in his 70s, would drive 50 miles to take my dad to lunch and for a drive and then leave him a batch of home-made brownies as a parting gift. And my dad wasn't the only recipient of those brownies made and delivered with love. There are numerous memories in those years in between; the world is a better place for having had Glenn Merrell in it, and he will be greatly missed.*

Sandra Kay Short Merrell - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM