



## Mr. Orval Coatson Varner

August 11, 1919 - March 18, 2018

Mr. Orval Coatson Varner, age 98, of Pine Tree, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 18, 2018. He was born on August 11, 1919 to Sylvester Ellsworth and Alma Henrietta (Barnett) Varner. A proud World War II veteran, he served in Company A, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment of the Army and most notably fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He earned two purple hearts and a bronze star during his military service.

Orval will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. He was a beloved member of the Pine Tree community, where he raised his family and lived most of his life.

Orval is survived by his two granddaughters, Allison (Varner) Molnar of Irvine, California and Amanda (Varner) Albert of San Diego, California; and four great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Emily, Abigail, and Ainsley. Orval was preceded in death by his wife, Amy (Aldridge); his son, Douglas; his mother, Alma; his father, Sylvester; and five siblings, Lucille Alma Colvin, John Nelson, Vivian Vernice Smith, Ancil Dee, and Robert Lee.

Services for Orval will be held Graveside at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, March 23rd at the Barnishaw Cemetery. Visitation will be held prior to the service starting at 10:00 A.M. at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge

of arrangements. Visit online registry at [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Barnishaw

Pine Tree, AR

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 23. 11:30 AM (CT)

Barnishaw  
Pine Tree, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Varner family, sorry for the loss of Mr. Orval . My husband remember him visiting across the street at John Ellison store many years ago. He also talked about him owning a store at Pine Tree. Many memories for his family to keep in their heart.*



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**Shirley W. Thorn** - March 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

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“ *Orval was a very special person to Roger, Jeff, Dennis, and me. He was always friendly and loved to talk. Roger and the boys had very fond memories of him working at the university with them, and at the store when they would stop by. We were just wondering about him last weekend, and all repeated stories he would tell them about being a tank driver in the war. They all had their favorite story about working with him on the experiment station too. You all have our sympathy. I know he will be greatly missed.*  
*Sherry Eason*

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**Sherry Eason** - March 23, 2018 at 05:51 PM

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“ *In loving memory of our Great-Grandfather. Abigail and Ainsley love you to pieces!*

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**Abigail and Ainsley Albert** - March 22, 2018 at 02:25 PM

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“ *In loving memory from Benjamin and Emily Molnar. We loved our Great-granddaddy. We have many wonderful memories with you.*



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**Allison Varner Molnar** - March 22, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ *In loving memory of my sweet Grandfather.*



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**Amanda Albert** - March 22, 2018 at 02:23 PM

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“ *In loving memory from Allison Varner Molnar. You were a wonderful Granddaddy.*



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**Allison Varner Molnar** - March 22, 2018 at 02:22 PM

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*I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Orval's passing. If I had known I would have come to his funeral. I hope the little quilt I made for him has been passed on and provides a comforting memory.*

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**Jessie Birch** - January 27, 2019 at 08:49 PM