



Mr. Hale Aust

July 29, 1932 - February 28, 2020

Preston Hale Aust, age 87, died Friday, February 28, 2020, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Booneville, MS. He was born in Binnsville, MS, on July 29, 1932, to Frank Aust and Gladys Stuart Aust. He obtained his Master's degree in Industrial Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. He served in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. Hale worked at Northeast MS Community College as the Director of Vocational Education for 28 years. He was dedicated and continued to love Northeast even after his retirement. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Booneville, where he proudly served on many boards and committees within the church. He was a board member of the Booneville Housing Authority and the Director of the Northeast Mississippi Solid Waste Authority. He served many years on the Yellow Creek Port Authority Board. He loved being a member of the coffee club and being a servant to others. Hale was a strong advocate for autism due to the love he had for his twin grandsons. He and his wife LaJuan enjoyed watching sports together. Mr. Aust was a very loving and caring man that was always involved in his community and tried to be a friend to everyone he encountered. Funeral services with military honors will be 1:00 P.M., Monday, March 2, 2020, at First United Methodist Church in Booneville. Bro. Bobby Hankins and Bro. Tim Sisk will be officiating. Burial will be in the Booneville Cemetery. Booneville Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Betty LaJuan Morton Aust of

Booneville; two daughters, Jessica A. Owings and Amanda Aust, both of Corinth, MS; grandsons, Preston Neal Owings and John Farris Owings, both of Corinth, MS; brother in law Billy Morton (Martha Wayne) of Catherine, AL; sister in laws Catherine Ann Guin (Robert) of Booneville, MS., Sue Scott (James E.) of Booneville, MS., and Carolyn Boren (Roy) of House Springs, Missouri; many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Martha Russell and Donnie Poindexter; and a brother, Ralph Aust.

Pallbearers will be Hal Hughes, Frankie Russell, Phillip Cole, Julian Johnson, Steve Eaton, and Layne Dees.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Booneville Funeral Home. Also the body will lie in state for 2 hours prior to service time.

Condolences may be extended to the family at boonevillefuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Booneville Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Booneville, MS

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to learn of Mr Aust passing. He was my teacher and advisor at Northeast in 1960-62. I was a freshman the year he came to Northeast from Southern Ms and he talked me into going on down there when I finished at Northeast. He was a good man. Prayers for the family. Abe South

Abe South - February 29, 2020 at 09:13 AM

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Me.Hale Aust was a. Great man and friend to all of us at Mississippi Behavioral Health Services. He was our Landlord but more than that was a friend. His bright outlook and hard work and dedication was evident to us all. We always had to encourage him to stay off the ladders when he came to our office because of his health but he would have none of it. He will be missed by myself and all of us and we will always have fond memories of him. Prayers for his wife and family. John Baker

John Baker - March 01, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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Jessica, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Kay Mathews

Kay Mathews - March 01, 2020 at 06:44 PM