



Raymond Hershell Vernon, Jr.

January 27, 1930 - April 29, 2013

Raymond Hershell Vernon, Jr., 83 of Shelbyville, Tennessee died on Monday, April 29, 2013, at his home. Born Monday, January 27, 1930 in Hodges, Alabama, he was the son of the late Raymond Vernon and the late Florence McLeskey Vernon. He was a member of Southside Church of Christ in Shelbyville, TN and enjoyed fishing and all sports. He coached in Huntsville, AL for 34 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters: Gloria Broadfoot and Barbara Nell Vernon. Surviving are his wife: Dorothy J. Vernon of Shelbyville, TN; sons, Randy (Kim) Vernon of Shelbyville, TN and Tim (Christy) Vernon of Huntland, TN; three grandchildren: Jami Leigh Hage, Shelley Vernon, and Chase Vernon; and one great-grandchild: Caroline Walker. Funeral services will be at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Randy Davis and Bro. Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be in Blanche Cemetery, Blanche, TN. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Your beloved Raymond was the kindest most gentle man. Your family has always held a very special place in our hearts. May Father ever bless you and keep you in His care.*

Randy and Juanita Davis - April 30, 2013 at 09:01 PM

DS

“ *Randy our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family in this most difficult time. i know and truly believe your father is in a better place and I hope your faith and the support of your friends and family will carry you through this.*

Dudley Smith - April 30, 2013 at 07:39 PM

HD

“ *Randy,*

Sorry to hear about the death of your dad. May God be with you and Kim and your family during this difficult time.

Hal Dowland

Hal Dowland - April 30, 2013 at 07:18 PM

DR

“ *Our prayers are with the Vernon family. Randy, we are so sorry for your loss of your Dad.*

David & Betty Renegar - April 30, 2013 at 01:19 PM

JF

“ *Dot: We're so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. We love you. May God bless.*

Jack & Toni Ferguson - April 30, 2013 at 12:43 PM

CC

“ *Albert and I are so sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. We will miss Mr. Vernon deeply at South Side. We love you all.*

Connie Cook - April 30, 2013 at 10:44 AM

DS

“ *I am very sorry for your great loss. I have very fond memories of Coach Vernon and had a great deal of respect for him. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Sallo - April 30, 2013 at 08:21 AM

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my

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Janice Tomerlin- Finley - April 29, 2013 at 11:23 PM

JS

“*Mr. Vernon was a prince of a man. While I never got to fish with him, I loved his fishing stories. He was a part of our Southside church family and his presence will be sorely missed. We have thrilled to have Chase, his grandson participate in our youth group. Mrs. Dot and all the family remain in our prayers and we grieve with them at their/our loss. For Mrs. Dot, and Randy and Tim I pray for a special measure of God's grace for the days and months ahead. We truly trust the finished work of Christ our Lord, that is our peace.*

Jeff W. Smith - April 29, 2013 at 04:19 PM



“ *Main Album*

Guest - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM