



Bennett W. Upchurch Jr.

June 2, 1934 - May 21, 2013

Bennett W. Upchurch, Jr., 78, formerly of New Castle, died Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at his home in Savannah, Georgia following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 2, 1934 in New Castle, the son of the late Bennett W. Upchurch Sr. and Elta Marie (Buck) Upchurch.

Bennett was employed at Delco Remy in Anderson for 46 years before retiring on December 31, 1996. He was a 1953 graduate of New Castle High School where he played on the basketball and football teams. Bennett coached the Red Sox Little League baseball team as well as football and basketball teams. He was a former member of the UAW in Anderson.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Donna (Charlton) Upchurch of Savannah, Georgia; a daughter, Deborah (husband: Gene) Jones of Savannah, Georgia; three sons, Ronnie (wife: Tara) Upchurch of New Castle, Michael Upchurch and Brian Upchurch of Savannah; eight grandchildren, Tammy Keesling, Holly Buckley, Robin Upchurch, Crystal Upchurch, Carlie Upchurch, Kayla Upchurch, Josh Upchurch and Ashley Upchurch; 11 great-grandchildren, Jarret Keesling, Ashtyn Keesling, Olivia Keesling, Emory Keesling, Tyler Buckley, Mercedes Buckley, MacKenzie Buckley, Madison Buckley, Anthony Lloyd, Abbey Upchurch and Eli Upchurch.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Terry Upchurch and three sisters, Lela Rollins, Thelma Dudley and Phyllis Warnoch.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Kirk officiating. Burial will follow in

South Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bennett Upchurch.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie, we are so sorry that we didn't know about your Father's passing until this evening. Please give our condolences to your girls and your Mother and the entire Upchurch family. Your memories of all the special times can't be taken away, just keep them close to your heart. Ronnie and Donna*

Ronald Ragan - May 30, 2013 at 10:15 PM

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“ *Dear Donna, Debbie, Ronnie, Michael and Brian and families, You are all in my thoughts and prayers for God's peace and comfort with the loss of your husband and father, Junior. I will always remember him - gentle, kind and strong. He was a wonderful role model for all husbands and fathers and his life will continue to touch others. In love and friendship, Beverly Matthews*

Beverly Matthews - May 28, 2013 at 10:41 AM

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“ *Debbie, Donna and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Jr. was a great husband, father and grandfather. Such a sweet man I will always remember great times being around him. My love and prayers are with you.*

Kathy Breckenridge Gortner - May 24, 2013 at 01:27 PM

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“ *Debbie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I lost my father last year and I know how hard it is to grieve the loss of a parent. My deepest sympathy to your mother and your brothers.*

Kim Morgan McConnell - May 23, 2013 at 05:02 PM