



Mr. Edward Lee Autry, Sr.

January 31, 1932 - March 31, 2018

On the beautiful, sunny afternoon of Saturday, March 31, 2018, Edward Lee Autry, Sr., 86, of Sumner, went peacefully to his heavenly home with his family surrounding him with love. He had suffered with declining health for several years. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Wright's Chapel Baptist Church with interment will follow at Paulk's Chapel Church Cemetery. Pastor Gordon Poole and Pastor Bill Goff will officiate. Lee was born January 31, 1932, in Raleigh, NC to the late David and Margie Hardie Autry. He was blessed to be one of 10 siblings. He was a member of Wright's Chapel Baptist Church. Lee served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, serving in the European field. He was an outdoor man who loved working in flower and vegetable gardens, cutting grass and fishing. Nothing pleased him more than having his family around for a visit. He was such a sweet, soft spoken man who never had a harsh word for anyone. He was a skilled electrician, working his trade up and down the East Coast. He mentored many of his family in the trade including his sons, Jeff Autry, Ed Autry, Jr., the late Larry Parrish; and grandsons, Jason Parrish, Jarvis Parrish and Justin Parrish. Lee and Janice Autry enjoyed 39 years of marriage. They met when Lee moved to Lee County and they were introduced by a friend. They came together with their children and combined their families. They were soul mates whose love for each other was obvious in little ways like a pat on the knee, a smile, or a shared laugh. They liked traveling and camping together, visiting many State Parks all across the United States

and Canada. They loved returning to Myrtle Beach, SC for family reunions. It was the simple things in life that meant the most to them.

Survivors include his daughters, Janet Parrish Willis (Tony) of Sumner and Sherry Autry Smith of New Kensington, PA; sons, Ed Autry, Jr. (Carol) of Clayton, NC, Albert Autry (Marlene) of Ashville, NC, Jeff Autry (Robin) of Richmond, VA and Dale Parrish (Krysta) of Loris, SC; daughter-in-law, Cynthia Willis Parrish of Sylvester, sister, Thelma Autry Wall of Newport News VA; 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren along with a number of nieces, nephews and extended family members. Lee also has an "adopted daughter", Brenda Odom of Macon, GA, that he loved very much.

Lee was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janice Davis Parrish Autry on May 6, 2015; daughter, Gloria Autry Ward; son, Larry David Parrish; grandson, Ray Autry; and 6 sisters and 3 brothers.

The family will receive friends Tuesday night from 6 to 8 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Pallbearers include Melvin Walker, John Walker, Mike Jamison, Bill Smith, Duck Bozeman, Jackie Saunders and Craig Autry.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward Lee Autry, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Lee was my Mother's brother, Ruby Hardison. So sorry I will not be able to attend his Funeral*

Susie Kempf - May 14, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *This was Lee with Thelma & Ruby, his two sisters at the family reunion at Ruby's house in Cary, N.C., Circa 2000...*

Jacqueline Hudson - May 14, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to y'all! With Love, Jackie*

Jacqueline Hudson - May 14, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy, With Love, Thelma, Lee's sister; Peggy, Lee's Neice: Jacqueline, her daughter, Crystal, her grand-daughter, Josh, her grand-son, Mark jr. & Brent, her great-grandchildren; Dale, Lee's Nephew: Sandy, his wife, Roger & Anna, his child & daughter in-law, Brianna, his grandchild.*

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“ Great Uncle Lee will be in-our-hearts forever! With Love, Thelma Wall, Lee's sister; Peggy Wall Nacci, Lee's Neice: Jacqueline Hudson, her daughter, Crystal Hudson Hayes, her grand-daughter, Josh Hudson, her grandson, Mark jr. & Brent, her great grandsons; Dale Wall, Lee's Nephew: Sandy Wall, his wife, Roger & Anna Wall, his son & daughter in-law, Brianna, his grand-daughter...

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“ Uncle Lee: "You left so suddenly, your thoughts were unknown, you left us memories we are proud to own." Author Unknown...With Love, Thelma Wall, Lee's sister; Peggy Wall Nacci, Lee's Neice: Jacqueline Hudson, her daughter, Crystal Hudson Hayes, her grand-daughter, Josh Hudson, her grandson, Mark jr. & Brent, her grandsons; Dale Wall, Lee's Nephew: Sandy Wall, his wife, Roger & Anna Wall, his son & daughter in-law, & Brianna, his grand-daughter...

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“ Our Hearts Are Heavy!

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“ We will always have fond memories of Great Uncle Lee & we miss him! With Love, Thelma Wall, Lee's sister; Peggy Wall Nacci, Lee's Neice: Jacqueline Hudson, her daughter, Crystal Hudson Hayes, her grand-daughter; Josh Hudson, her grandson; Dale & Sandy Wall, her nephew & his wife, Roger & Anna Wall, his son & daughter in-law, Brianna, his grand-daughter.

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“ *Psalm 23: 4-64. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.6. Surely your goodness and love will follow me, all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Isaiah 57: 1-21. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. Uncle Lee was a Deacon at Wright Chapel Baptist Church in Sumner, Georgia & he served his Lord & Savior obediently...Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on. And cherished memories never fade because a loved ones gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart for as long as there is memory, they live on in the heart! With Love, Thelma, Lee's sister; Peggy Wall Nacci, Lee's Neice: Jacqueline Hudson, her daughter, Crystal Hudson Hayes, her grand-daughter, Josh Hudson, her grandson, Mark jr & Brent, her great grandsons; Dale & Sandy Wall, Lee's Nephew, Roger & Anna Wall, his son & daughter in-law, Brianna, his grand-daughter.*

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“ *2:Timothy 4:77. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.In memory of Great Uncle Lee...With Love, Jackie...*

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