



Mr. Joseph Millard Branch

December 28, 1926 - January 27, 2019

Mr. Joseph Millard Branch, 92 of Albany died on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Pine Shadows Retirement Manor.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel interment will follow in the Providence Cemetery with military honors. Mr. Branch was born on December 28, 1926 in Ware County, to the late Joseph Hansel and Essie V. Wisham Branch. He had lived in Albany since 1992 and was retired from Coats and Clark. Mr. Branch was a veteran having served in the United States Navy, and received the Cross of Military from the Daughters of the Confederacy. He was in charge of the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where he was a faithful member for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Ethelle Odom Branch of Albany; daughters, Bonnie B. Gilmer (Eric) of Leesburg, and Sherry Branch of Albany; grandchildren, Jalen Hall, Josie Hall, Daniel and Alec Gilmer.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Branch was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Branch and a sister, Willie Mae Denny.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2:00 PM until the service hour at Banks Funeral Home.

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

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 30 (ET)

Providence Church Cemetery
3835 Hwy 313 North
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Millard Branch*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Such an influence in my early life. Brother Joe was the sweetest, kindest man I've ever known. I will always remember our trips to church and the wonderful times I had as a child hanging out at the Branch's home.
I hope you all find peace and comfort in knowing that his family was his life and he loved you all so much.*

Nita Blackwell - February 03, 2019 at 05:46 AM

BG

Thank you Nita. We love you and also the rest of the Avery family.

Bonnie Gilmer - February 05, 2019 at 07:48 AM

RA

“ *So sorry for your loss Bonnie! I certainly was a pleasure knowing Mr Joe at Pine Shadows! Praying for peace and comfort during these difficult times!*

Renee Acord - January 31, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JG

“ *A very dear friend to whom we will be eternally thankful for his testimony of Jesus Christ and his invitation to hear that witness from others.
Jim & Nancy Golden*



Jim Golden - January 30, 2019 at 01:17 PM

JH

“ To the Family of Brother Joseph Branch, We are so sorry and saddened by your loss. I knew Brother Joe Branch for many years before I found out that we were related. Distant kin on my Mothers side, she was a Willis. We talked often about our families. There was never a more kinder, gentler, or caring man than my friend Joe Branch. I loved Brother Joe and will miss him. But I know he is in a far better place and without pain. He ran a good race and he fought a good fight and now he is has go home to be with his God, whom he loved so much. I will always cherish the memories we had together and when I go my family at Providence Cemetery, I will be sure to say hello to my friend and loved one Brother Joseph Branch. May our Heavenly Father bless and smile upon your family and comfort you as a loving Father can. May he send theHoly Ghost to comfort and ease your aching heart and reassure you that you will see Brother Joseph Branch again. LOVE , James, Angela, and Kara Hall

James Hall - January 29, 2019 at 09:59 AM

BG

Thank you so much for your condolences. You chose the perfect words to describe my Daddy...kind, gentle and caring. We will miss him immensely, but also are happy that he no longer has to struggle with the trials of this world. Thank you for your friendship, which no doubt meant as much to him as it does to you.

Bonnie Gilmer - January 29, 2019 at 10:24 AM

LW

“ Bonnie and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Although, I won't be able to attend the viewing or funeral, know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Lynn Willis - January 27, 2019 at 09:10 PM

BG

Thank you so much Lynn.

Bonnie Gilmer - January 29, 2019 at 10:21 AM

CC

“ *Bonnie and family, we are so sorry and saddened about your dad. He can rest without pain and in peace. We remember him when it was meal time while visiting, both he and Ms Ida met back up after many years of working together. May god bless you and the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill and Cheryl Chambers*

Cheryl Chambers - January 27, 2019 at 07:28 PM

BG

Thank you so much Cheryl.

Bonnie Gilmer - January 29, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DS

*Bonnie, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you and your Family are in my thoughts and prayers!
Debbie Sutton*

Debbie Sutton - January 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM

BG

Thank you so much Debbie.

Bonnie Gilmer - January 30, 2019 at 11:55 AM

GG

What a wonderful, caring, kind, gentle man was my friend Joe Branch. For many years we spent Saturday mornings together at the History Center library. Because of his dedication to the library and it's patrons I was able to research my Pennsylvania and German families He taught me so much about research and so much about being a good Christian person. I wish I could have attended but, my newspaper is now mailed to me and I didn't know in time. My thoughts and prayers are with you may you have peace and comfort. I loved Joe and I know he has seen the face of God.

Gretchen M. Gay - January 31, 2019 at 01:39 PM

BG

Thank you Gretchen. You meant a lot to Daddy and to our family.

Bonnie Gilmer - February 05, 2019 at 07:47 AM

BJ

Bonnie, I just wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear that your father had passed away. The girls at Pine Shadows told me when I went by last week. Mr. Joe was such a sweet gentleman. I feel for you and wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda Jennings (daughter of Hubert Henderson)

Brenda Jennings - February 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM