



William Glenn "Cotton" Battles

January 2, 1940 - August 6, 2023

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1/2/40-8/6/23

William Glenn Battles, with "cotton" white hair, was known as Cotton for his entire life. He was a constant worker who seldom sat still; rising early in the morning and working the whole day through was his typical day. You would find him with work boots beside the recliner, dressed in blue jeans with a one-pocket button-down. He needed that pocket. He knew how to do just about anything and was willing to help anyone that needed it. He was a jokester and always had a joke or a story to make you laugh. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gallant and an avid Auburn fan. Cotton worked in Gulf State Steel for 40 years and was a Chicken Farmer for 36 years as well. He worked to ensure his family had everything they needed while showing them the importance of hard work balanced by quality family time. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf, gardening, watching westerns, and bowling.

Cotton and Brenda have been happily married for 58 years. They have two sons, Darrin (Shanna) and Keith (Miranda). Cotton became a PawPaw in October of 2000; we are confident that was one of his favorite titles. He has Anna Catherine, Brett, Bailee, Matelyn, and Paten; oh, how proud he was of them. The grandkids were a big part of his life; they all adore him and always will. He instilled a love for tomatoes, hunting, fishing, swimming, warm wood heaters, beach trips, golf carts, and dirt bikes that will be fond memories forever.

Cotton Battles passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on 8/6/23 at the age of 83. He is survived by his sisters, Maurine Battles, Brenda Estes, Novice Taylor (Arlin), and his brother Edward Battles. He is also survived by his wife, Brenda, sons Darrin (Shanna) and Keith (Miranda), along with grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Oliver and Jesse Battles, brothers Dwain and Mack Battles. His honorary pallbearers are Brett Battles, Alex Parrish, Arlin Taylor, Tim Hutchens, Sam Battles, and Chandler Huff.

His sense of humor, work ethic, love for his family, and concern for others will be greatly missed. We know that this is not goodbye, simply a see you later to one of the most remarkable men we have ever known. The family would like to thank Enhabit Home Health and Hospice for the great care provided. We also had great care providers with Wendy Strickland and Karen Roden DeBoard. The funeral will be a graveside ceremony at Gallant First Baptist Church on August Tuesday, 8/8/23, at 5:00 pm.

Etowah Memorial Chapel Directing

Cemetery Details

Gallant First Baptist Church Cemetery

8955 Gallant Road
Gallant, AL 35972

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Cotton was a fine fellow and I will miss seeing him in the golf cart. He was so much fun to be around when I was young, going to ballgames and watching him play with all the others. He and Johnny Mack were the best at keeping us all laughing. They both have their reward now with Jesus. God bless you all and may He give you comfort in knowing he is with the Lord and his suffering is over. Great memories of him will last forever. Love you all.



Sharon Lamkin - August 08, 2023 at 07:20 AM

JG

“ I never had the pleasure of knowing Cotton but I met him and he was nice to me. I'm a friend of Gene Edward Battles. This family is respected for their values and hard work. I know he suffered and I believe he's in a better place now. Condolences to his family.

john gregory - August 07, 2023 at 05:29 PM

AR

“ Keith and family: Sorry to hear of your great loss. Prayers and thoughts for you as you deal with the many tasks necessary. God bless. Annie Renshaw

Ann Renshaw - August 07, 2023 at 12:34 PM

NB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss my friend and his joking around all the time.

Nancy Barksdale - August 07, 2023 at 09:13 AM

KE

RIP COTTON---kbe

kenneth elliott - August 07, 2023 at 10:24 PM

CB

So sorry Novice for your loss

Cynthia Casey Barber - August 10, 2023 at 09:19 PM