



Joel Arnold Tilley

August 25, 1948 - September 27, 2024

Joel Arnold Tilley 8/25/1948 – 9/27/2024

Joel Arnold Tilley age 76 of Sylvania, entered eternal rest with his lord and savior on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Joel was born on August 25th, 1948, in Section Alabama to James Autman Tilley and Ollie May

Cook-Tilley. He married the love of his life Doris Jean White on September 9th, 1966 and

together they built a wonderful life together and they were blessed with three wonderful children,

Joel Dwight Tilley, Jeffery Stan Tilley, and Cindy Rena Tilley.

Joel was Holiness in faith and attended Forrest Hill Free Holiness Church.

Joel was a deeply

spiritual man who shared God's love with others. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and

was loved and admired by many. Joel received the Holy Ghost in August of 1966 and the impact

of Joel's life will be felt for years to come. Joel loved gospel music and was a very accomplished

song leader touching the hearts of many throughout the years with his beautiful voice.

Joel held various jobs throughout his working career from co-owning Fyffe Hardware for many years to working for Coca cola, Dr. Pepper, Golden Flake Potato Chips, and was a farmer, as well as truck driver for many years traveling across The United States. Joel, loved people and never met a stranger. However, the thing he loved the most, was being a Poppa and cherished every minute he spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 58 years Doris Tilley, Son, Dwight Tilley (Faye), Daughter, Cindy Hepler (Ricky), Daughter-in-law, Krista Tilley, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, Sisters Dorothy Hendrix, Mary Womack, and Charlotte Harris (Glenn), Sister in law, Clarise Anderson, and a host of special friends and loved ones.

Joel was proceeded in death by his parents, Autman and Ollie May Tilley, Son, Stan Tilley, Brothers, Dempsey, Phillip, and David Tilley, Sisters, Helen Tilley, and Ada Ruth Barrier. As well as his father-and mother-in-law, Pauley and Odell White and Sister-in-law, Evelyn Nappier.

The family would like to send out a special thank you to the nurses and staff at Alabama Home Heath (Tessa Crane, Ruth Wright), and his physical therapist (Julie-Ann, and

Bentley) as they were all so wonderful, and we appreciate all the love and compassion shown to Joel over the last couple of years as they became extended family to him.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Chris Tilley, Austin Tilley, Cole Hepler, Brock Hepler, Noah Pritchett, and special friend Bro. Mike Avans.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 4PM at Rainsville Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Terry Wright & Bro. Bradley Wooten officiating. Burial will follow in Old Sardis Holiness Church Cemetery with Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing, www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 12PM-8PM & Sunday, September 29th from 9AM-4PM.

Cemetery Details

Old Sardis Holiness Church Cemetery

1846 County Road 100
Section, AL 35771

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
Rainsville, AL 35986
(256) 638-2122
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

SEP **29**. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ I remember all the good times we had growing up. Joel did his part in making the world and community a better place to live.

Lowell Tilley - September 28, 2024 at 10:38 AM

NS

My name is Nathan Smith Joel was a great man I really liked him and stan to they were great neighbors they will be missed Krista Cindy love y'all miss y'all me I'm doing good he's in a better place I'm praying for y'all 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️ I have y'all on my prayer ☐☐🙏🙏 list keep in touch my phone number is 423-503-5146 my grandmother she passed away back in February of this year

Nathan Brian Smith - September 30, 2024 at 06:57 PM

RW

“ This gentleman meant so much to me and his wife ma ma Doris were like family it always felt like home when I visited them. He made me laugh always wanting to achieve his goal and ma ma Doris was always at his side. I love you Mr Joel and we will meet again. And for know I'll be here for ma ma Doris who I love so much and is my mother on earth

Ruth Wright - September 28, 2024 at 10:13 AM

NS

My name is Nathan Smith Joel and stan and stan wife every time I met them they felt like family to me they were so kind they were the nicest people Stan and Joel they will be missed I know Joel will be glad to get to see Stan up there on the other side of Jordan I have the family on my prayer ☐🙏 list praying for you Cindy and Krista praying for all of y'all I know what y'all are going through my grandma passed away back in February of this year she was 88 I know where she is tell y'all's family I'm so so sorry for y'all's lost when the Lord calls me home I will look Joel and stan up and I'll talk to them God bless y'all

Nathan Brian Smith - September 30, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RW

“ *Ruth W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Arnold Tilley.*

Ruth W. - September 28, 2024 at 10:04 AM

LW

“ *Lynn Wilbanks lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Lynn Wilbanks - September 28, 2024 at 09:07 AM

SH

“ *Shawn & Salena Higdon lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Shawn & Salena Higdon - September 28, 2024 at 07:21 AM

YB

“ *Youthel Brow lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Youthel Brow - September 28, 2024 at 03:54 AM

JN

“ *Jonathon, Anna, And Aaron Nappier lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Jonathon, Anna, and Aaron Nappier - September 27, 2024 at 11:10 PM

TM

“ *Tennille Hancock Messina lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Tennille Hancock Messina - September 27, 2024 at 10:50 PM

JB

“ *Joe & Patricia Cook & Brooklyn lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Joe & Patricia Cook & Brooklyn - September 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

JC

“ *Joshua Chaparro lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Joshua Chaparro - September 27, 2024 at 07:53 PM

EH

“ *Elouise & Harold Hancock lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Elouise & Harold Hancock - September 27, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JN

“ *Jonathan, Misty, and Joseph Neeley purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joel Arnold Tilley.*



Jonathan, Misty, and Joseph Neeley - September 27, 2024 at 07:51 PM

JN

“ *Jonathan, Misty, and Joseph Neeley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Arnold Tilley.*

Jonathan, Misty, and Joseph Neeley - September 27, 2024 at 07:51 PM

DC

“ *Denease & Lupe Chaparro lit a candle in memory of Joel Arnold Tilley*



Denease & Lupe Chaparro - September 27, 2024 at 07:51 PM