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Funeral Service for Mr. Robert Edward Colley, 91, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Friday, December 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Chapel of Radney Funeral Home. Randy Anderson and Rev. Mike Densmore will officiate. Honors will be provided by the Alexander City Veterans Honor Guard. Burial will follow in the Flint Hill Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Robert Edward Colley, affectionately known as Robert, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2023, at the age of 91, in Alexander City, Alabama, a short distance from where his story began in Tallapoosa County on March 12, 1932. His life was a testament to the values of kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness, virtues that endeared him to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Robert's early years were spent in the company of his loving parents, Barney Lee Colley and Rosie Ella Colley, and his siblings. He was the cherished brother to Earnest Colley (Norma), and he fondly remembered his brothers Charles, Byron, and John Colley, and his sisters Lois Browning, Sue Lovelady, and Faye Lowe, all of whom preceded him in death, as did his beloved daughter Clista Colley.

Robert's life was one of service and dedication. He proudly served his country as a member of the US Army during the Korean Conflict, where he demonstrated the same commitment and bravery that would characterize his later years. Following his honorable discharge, he embarked on a career as a Heavy Equipment Operator with Sam Mason Construction, a role he held for 30 years. His work ethic and expertise were well-known, and he was respected by his colleagues and friends in the industry.

Outside of his professional life, Robert was a man of many interests. He found joy in the simplicity of outdoor activities, whether it was fishing, rabbit hunting, or playing a competitive game of horseshoes. His garden was a place of pride and peace, where he would spend hours tending to his plants. Robert was also a keen card player, delighting in the camaraderie and challenge it brought.

Family was the cornerstone of Robert's life. He is survived by his devoted wife, Julia Frances

Colley, and his children, Donna Machen, Rose Price (Wayne), and Robert Colley (Donna). He was a proud grandfather to Jamie Machen (Anna), Drew Machen (Brittney), Justin Price (Tammy), Clista Nada, Eddie Colley (Jessica), and Leigh Ann Burnell (Jeff). His legacy extends to his fifteen great-grandchildren, who will carry forward the memories and values he instilled in them. Renowned for his love of family gatherings, Robert's presence was a guarantee of joy and laughter at fish fries and other celebrations. His love for his dogs was equally profound, and they, too, were a central part of the warm, inviting home he created.

Robert's passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who loved him, yet his spirit will continue to inspire. His life was a journey marked by perseverance, loyalty, and an unwavering commitment to the ones he loved. As we say goodbye to this remarkable man, we celebrate the enduring impact he has made on his family, friends, and community.

Robert's life story is one of a journey well-traveled and a life well-lived. His kindness, generosity, and thoughtful nature will be forever cherished and remembered. As we reflect on his legacy, we take comfort in the knowledge that his was a life filled with purpose, love, and an abundance of cherished moments. Rest in peace, Robert Edward Colley, a true gentleman who lived his life with honor and left the world a better place.

Tribute Wall

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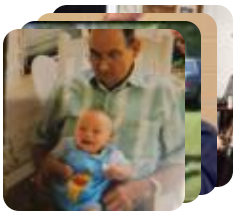

August 29 at 1:02 PM

TM

Tomeka Machen posted:

Such an amazing man. He will be missed by many. Couldn't ask for a better great grandpa for my son. RIP PaPa this is not goodbye we will see you later.

November 30 at 7:00 PM

RC

Ricky, Jacqueline & Jackson Colley posted:

With love and sympathy,

November 29 at 7:00 PM

DM

Drew Machen posted:

He was such a wonderful man. He loved his family and everyone loved him. He will be missed deeply.

November 29 at 7:00 PM

DJ

Donna, Drew, Brittany, Austin, Wrenlee, Adi, And Jaci posted:

You will forever be in our hearts, Papa. Gone but never forgotten.

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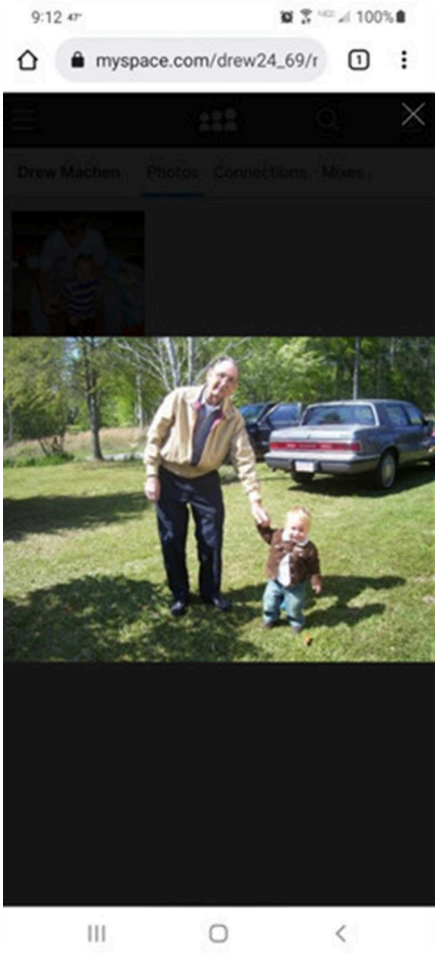

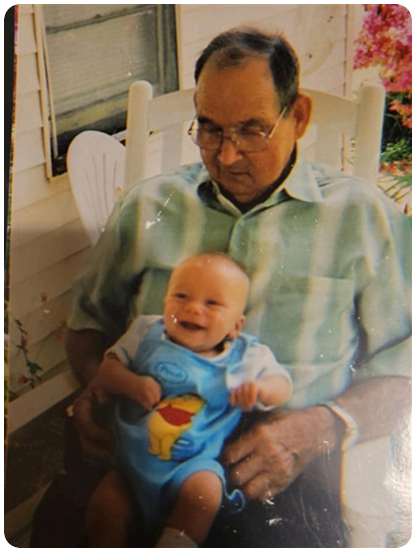

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