



Josiah "Joe" Calloway

February 14, 2006

Josiah James "Joe" Calloway of Church Hill, MD, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, in Chester River Hospital Center, Chestertown, MD. He was 80.

Mr. Calloway was born on Dec. 5, 1925, in Cordova, son of the late James T. and Sarah Myrth (Waddell) Calloway.

He graduated from Church Hill High School.

In his youth, he was an avid 4-H member and helped clear the land where today's 4-H Park in Centreville sits.

After retiring from farming, he worked as a mechanic for Kingstown Tractor.

Mr. Calloway was a member of the Eastern Shore Bluegrass Association and a past member of Eastern Shore Gem & Mineral Society. He enjoyed playing bluegrass music and led his two different bands, The Country Ramblers and Joe Calloway and Friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Esther C. Calloway on Feb. 25, 1988; two sisters, Sarah Calloway and Virginia Calloway; and a brother, Thomas Calloway.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Louretta Calloway of Church Hill; a daughter, Brenda Harnage of Crumpton; 10 stepchildren, Rose Salter of Chestertown, Kenny Biddle of Clayton, Louretta Blankenship of Townsend, Debora Biddle of Smyrna, Donald Biddle of Smyrna, Michael Biddle of Dover, Peggy Oliphant of Smyrna, Irene Biddle of Marydel, Lee Tracey of Clayton, and Bill Tracey of Smyrna; a grandson, Michael C. Folker and his wife, Neomia of Clayton; four great-grandchildren, Jordan Folker, Courtney Folker, Katelyn Folker and Chelsie Folker of Clayton; numerous stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and two best friends, Eddie Walls of Centreville, and Ross Rhodes of Church Hill.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, in Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 370 W. Cypress St. in Millington, where family and friends may call two hours prior.

Burial will be in Church Hill Cemetery, Church Hill.

Tribute Wall



“ *My father Pat and uncle Mike O'Ferrall and I used to play with Joe calloway, I remember when I was a young bluegrass guitar player we would go to Joe's house and play music. We also went to bluegrass festivals together all up and down the East Coast. Joe was a very talented banjo player fantastic musician and an all-around great guy. He and his wife always made us feel welcome in their home, and she always had something good to eat there. Some of my best memories in life, is playing music with Joe.*
Shane O.

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