



## Walter Joe Gowens

June 24, 1924 - March 13, 2015

Services for Walter Joe Gowens, 90, of Pleasant Gap will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 11a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Rodney Ragsdale, the Rev. Tommy Ledbetter, the Rev. Joey Hudgins, and the Rev. Debra Welsh officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Union Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Gowens passed away Friday, March 13, 2015 at his home. Survivors include four children, Marshea Welsh (Dale) of Rock Run, Sandra Walton (Tim) of Alabaster, Donnie Gowens (Janet Henson) of Pleasant Gap, and Tammy Jones (Brian) of Spring Garden; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a brother, Herman Gowens of Pleasant Gap; and many loved nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Ronnie Welsh, Mike Welsh, Mark Welsh, Jason Gilliland, Andrew McLarty, and Levi Welsh. Mr. Gowens was a lifelong resident of Cherokee County, a graduate of Spring Garden High School and was a member of Union Grove United Methodist Church. He was a U.S.Navy World War II veteran having served on the USS Lexington CV16/Seaman First Class. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon (2 STARS), the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He retired from Standard Coosa Thatcher with over 40 years of service. After returning from World War II he played basketball for the YMCA for many years. He enjoyed supporting Spring Garden School and community. He loved his family and was faithful to visit friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Edna Jo Gowens; his parents, Walt

and Fannie Vickers Gowens; and two brothers Odus and Vester Gowens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Grove United Methodist Church. 2495 County Road 45 Piedmont, Alabama 36272 or Spring Garden High School Weight Room Project, 2430 County Road 29, Piedmont, Alabama, 36272.

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ So sorry for your loss, Mr. Joe was a great man and friend

Debra Goss - June 20, 2018 at 04:09 PM

KF

“ i will miss my Uncle joe. he loved my mother (Vickie Gayle Flynt) . i have many great memories of Joe. what i remember most is he always had a hat on and would "get" your nose. i am rejoicing that he is with all of our loved ones that have already gone!!! i love you Joe go fly High!!!!

kelly flynt - June 20, 2018 at 04:09 PM

WM

“ Mr. Joe was such a wonderful and kind man. He was so good to visit Pat and me. Pat will be there to greet him in heaven. I love this sweet family and will be praying for all of you.  
Love in Christ, Wanda

Wanda McCurdy - June 20, 2018 at 04:09 PM

WG

“ Tammy,

Randy shared the sad news of your father with me. I am thinking of you and your family at this time with sympathy and positive thoughts.

Sincerely, William Gantt

William Gantt - June 20, 2018 at 04:09 PM