



Raiford Crews,

September 15, 1932 - August 11, 2014

Raiford Crews, 81, passed away Monday at his residence. Visitation will be 5pm-7pm Tuesday and 1pm-2pm Wednesday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. Services will be 2pm Wednesday at Stringer Family Chapel with burial at Poplar Springs Cemetery. A A Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements. Mr. Crews served in the U. S. Navy. He served as a member of The State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee representing Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Upon retirement from the MESC he received from Kirk Fordice, Governor State of Mississippi, a plaque "bestowing special recognition of distinguished accomplishments for forty-two years of dedicated service to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and the State of Mississippi." He also received The Commissioner A€™s Award for Eminent Achievement from BLS Commissioner Katharine Abraham. The award acknowledged " an outstanding career with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and your support of the Bureau of Labor Statistics." He was a member of First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, MS. Over the years he served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, a member of various committees, and the Golden Choir. In the spring of 2013, he was inducted into the Foundation Hall of Fame by the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation, Inc. For many years he was as active member of the Area Fifty-Plus Club, serving two terms as president and three years as photographer. He is an active member of The Heritage Foundation A€™s Leaders Club, Member of Liberty Counsel, American Center for Law

and Justice, Judicial Watch, and the Alliance Defending Freedom. His hobbies included growing blueberries and a variety of azaleas, roses, and other flowers. Before the onset of his illness, he was an avid reader of mysteries, biographies, history, science-related non-fiction, and biblical commentaries. A He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Susan Crews and brother, Gerald Crews. A He is survived by his wife Edna Earle Patridge Crew; son, Raiford Glen (Ford) Crews II and wife Melody of Crystal Springs; daughter, Cynthia (Cindy) Earle Crews Bailey and husband Ray of Brandon; sister, Becky Richardson and husband Bill of Flora; grandchildren, Landon Glen Crews, Kara MacKenzie Bailey, Karley Beth Bailey, Kellie Grayce Bailey, and Kristen Elise Bailey. A Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, Crystal Springs, MS.,

Tribute Wall



“ *Raiford Crews,*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Thinking of you and remembering you and your family in my prayers
! May God give you strength and you know his peace in the days
ahead. God Bless!,*

Mary Lou Barlow - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lucius and I are very sorry to learn of your loss. Raiford was a very
kind man who was a faithful servant of our Lord. While he will be
missed, I know you find great comfort in knowing that he is now
whole and resting in our Saviors arms.,*

Carolyn and Lucius Cook - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Raiford when I worked for the Bureau of Labor
Statistics and found him to be a man of principle and a wonderful
leader. May your memories of him bring you comfort.,*

Dianne Farrior - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM