



Aubrey Joe Merritt

May 2, 1937 - September 17, 2023

Mr. Aubrey Joe Merritt, age 86 of Douglas, GA, passed away Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2023 at his residence following an extended illness. Mr. Merritt was born May 2, 1937 to the late Henry Brooks Merritt and the late Reba Hutchison Merritt Davis. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Chad Merritt; a Daughter-in-law: Angie Sears Merritt, 2 Brothers, James Herman Merritt and H. B. Merritt; and a nephew, Jimmy Brooks Merritt.

Mr. Merritt, a native of Coffee County, was a farmer for his whole life. He loved his family, friends and going fishing. He was an active member and deacon of St. Illa Baptist Church as long as his health permitted.

Survivors include:

His wife of 62 years: Betty Sue Lott Merritt of Douglas, GA

His little lap Buddy: Scooter

3 Children: Kenneth (Angie) Merritt of Douglas, GA

Tina (Daren) Kirkland of Nicholls, GA

Neil (Cheryl) Merritt of Ambrose, GA

1 Sister: Sue (Dinky) Deems of Nicholls, GA

Special Nephew: Andy (Cynthia) Merritt of Douglas, GA

11 Grandchildren: Erik (Nicole) Merritt, Grant (Blakelee) Merritt, Katie (Josh) Butts, Kayla (Jason)

Whiddon, Christopher (Raquel) Merritt, Macy Caroline Kirkland, Ashley Ellis, Warren

(Lindsey) Spivey

9 Great-Grandchildren: Chaddon and Olivia Merritt, Hudson Merritt, Lily and Joseph Butts, Embry and

Eason Whiddon, Carson and Reina Merritt and Gatlin Hall

Several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Many Friends

The family will receive friends, Wednesday evening, September 20, 2023 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held Thursday morning, September 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Kirkland officiating. The interment will follow at St. Illa Cemetery with Rev. Terry Reagin presenting the closing service.

Active Pallbearers for the service will be: Eric Merritt, Grant Merritt, Cameron Arvidson, Jason Whiddon, Christopher Merritt and Josh Butts.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Illa Cemetery

5638 Highway 158 West
Douglas, GA 31535

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533

Interment

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Illa Baptist Church
5638 Highway 158 West
Douglas, GA 31535

Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Aubrey Joe Merritt*



Ricketson Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Loved the time fishing with Joe Walter and Marie Lott Lewis*

Marie Lott Lewis - September 21, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Aubrey Joe Merritt.*



September 20, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aubrey Joe Merritt.*

September 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aubrey Joe Merritt.*



September 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Mr. Merritt will be missed! Praying for all of his family. Love, Erica (one of his nurses)*

Erica Thornhill - September 19, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Virginia Porter McClendon lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Joe Merritt*



Virginia Porter McClendon - September 19, 2023 at 09:49 AM