



## Blenard Harrison Roper

March 26, 1921 - June 20, 2010

Roper, Blenard Harrison, (Granddaddy) After a long and fulfilled life, Granddaddy went home to his heavenly Father on Father's Day, June 20, 2010. Mr. Roper was born on March 26, 1921 to John and Cora Roper of Fourmile, AL. He was a graduate of Shelby County High School and shortly thereafter he joined the U.S. Army and served his country during World War II from October 1942 to January 1946. He served under General Patton and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a World War II Victory Medal, American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and a Good Conduct Medal. On February 6, 1943 he married the love of his life, Violet Carline Sims. For 67 years they fulfilled a lifetime of commitment, love and happiness to their family, the Lord and each other. Mr. Roper retired from Navistar International after 32 years of dedicated service to the company. Each year he and his wife would travel to Atlanta for the annual retirees luncheon. Granddaddy accepted the Lord as his personal savior early in life and was a faithful servant until his death. He and Grandmother have been members of Crosscreek Baptist Church for the last 30 years. Every Sunday morning he greeted the congregation with a bulletin, handshakes for the men, hugs for the ladies and was proud to be an usher collecting tithes and offerings from the congregation. Mr. Roper was predeceased by his parents, five brothers and his beloved son, Alan Sims Roper. He is survived by his loving wife, Violet Carline Sims Roper; daughters, Brenn Davis (Douglas), Joy Willis (Arthur); six grandchildren, Ty Mask (Kip),

April Richmond (Matt), Wesley Davis (Jenny), Zachary Willis, Taylor Willis, Cody Willis; great grandchildren, Kori and Eli Mask, Davis, Reese and Casey Richmond, Katelyn, Nolan and Brantley Davis; sister, Sara Nell Peacock. Pallbearers will be Ty Mask, Wesley Davis, Zachary Willis, Cody Willis, Matt Richmond, Heath Allred and Calvin Gunn. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 6 to 8 PM at Crosscreek Baptist Church. Funeral services will also be held at the church on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 2 PM, Dr. Jay Kieve officiating. Burial will be at Fourmile Cemetery, Fourmile, Alabama immediately following the service. The family requests no flowers but donations may be made in his memory to Crosscreek Baptist Church, 600 Crosscreek Trail, Pelham, AL 35124. Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

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# Tribute Wall

RO

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I see the pain my mother feels over the loss of her husband (my father)of 60 years so I can understand your pain. But Jesus gave us a hope based on the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie

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**Rosemarie** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My dear Roper family: My love and prayers are with all of you. Everyone who knew Mr. Roper loved him. My sunday school class will never be the same. God be with all of you Love Sandra Fox

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**Sandra Fox** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, your family is in our prayers.  
Grandparents of Brett and Brook Whitley

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**Dottie & Ronny Whitley** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

*“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to Mr. Roper's family. I came to know him and Mrs. Roper at the SCHS reunion that is held each year at the Wilsonville Methodist Church. He was always cheerful, smiling and had sweet things to say to everyone there. I am Adell Isbell Edmondson's daughter and the one who always made the pictures. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Mary Gene Denney** - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

*“ our prayers are for you and your family..ps*

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**paschal sharitt** - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

*“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Blenard from FourMile Baptist church many years ago. Your loss is Heaven's gain. God bless you and all the family.*

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**Jane Patterson** - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

*“ We remember Blenard fondly. He was my Dad's 1st cousin & Violet was a long time friend of my Mom's. Blenard had a wonderful personality - to be around him was always a pleasure. He was a good man & enjoyed life. I know he will be missed by many. His family is in our thoughts & prayers. Patricia Mooney Shaw*

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**Wayne & Pat Shaw** - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM