



## William Osmond 'Ozzie' Harrison

June 1, 1927 - March 10, 2012

William Osmond (Ozzie) Harrison, age 84, longtime resident of the Cartwright community in Limestone County, passed away on Saturday, March 10, at Limestone Manor. Ozzie was born on June 1, 1927 to Hampton M. and Tinnie A. Harrison of Lester, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 58 years, Verna Roberts Harrison; his sister Mary F. Robinson of Rogersville, and his brother David M. Harrison of Shepherdsville, KY . Survivors include two sisters, Evelyn Harrison and Helen Harrison both of Lester; a daughter Theresa Tucker and husband Larry of Elkmont, AL; sons, Randy and wife Lynn of Birmingham, AL, Tony and wife Cheryl of Elkmont, AL, Ben and wife Beth of Elkmont, AL, and Dan and wife Melinda of Huntsville, AL. There are 16 grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Ozzie was a 1945 graduate of West Limestone High School. He served two tours in the U.S. Navy and afterward obtained a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) in 1953. He worked in the aerospace industry and retired in 1986 from NASA after serving 26 years as a structural engineer. Ozzie served as Elder at Craigs Chapel Church of Christ near Salem, AL and Westview Church of Christ in Athens, AL. He was a member of Eastside Church of Christ in Athens, AL upon his death. Visitation will be from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. His funeral will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, AL with Buc Chumbley and Mark White officiating. Burial will be at New Salem Cemetery. Pallbearers will be

grandsons: Chris Harrison, Brad Harrison, Tyler Tucker, Justin Harrison, Grant Harrison, Caleb Harrison, Chase Harrison, and Chandler Harrison. Honorary Pallbearers will be granddaughters: Denise Brundege, Anna Wade, Amy Tucker, Erin Burton, Olivia Harrison, Emily Harrison, Chelsea Harrison, and Charis Harrison. The family wishes to express our gratitude to Dr. Qureshi , his staff, and the staff at Limestone Manor for the excellent care that they provided to our father.

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Both of your parents were sweet people. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Beth Smith Tuten** - March 14, 2012 at 11:17 PM

DP

“ In my formative years at MSFC Ozzie was a great mentor and very patient with my "newness." As we worked together through several projects I came to realize what a truly kind and cheerful man he was and how much he knew of true engineering applications. I always knew I was going to learn more practical engineering when I knew Ozzie was lead for his discipline and I needed guidance in my own. I count him exceedingly high on my list of favorite colleagues in my tenure at MSFC.

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**David Prcie** - March 14, 2012 at 08:00 PM

DF

“ Randy, Theresa, Tony, Ben and Dan: You are all in my thoughts, hope that all of you are well and able to get through your loss with peace. God has blessed us all with a long life with our parents. Much Love and May God Bless YOU:

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**Debra Daniel Fleming** - March 14, 2012 at 11:39 AM

EW

“ We were sorry to hear of your loss, and please know that we are praying for you during this time.

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**Ed and Kathy Wade** - March 14, 2012 at 11:09 AM

SB

“ Dear family,

*Our thoughts are with you during this time of loss of your father, grandfather and father-in-law. Brother Ozzie cast a wide influence that is be felt by many. May your many good memories bring you comfort in the days to come.*

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**Sam and Joyce Buchanan** - March 14, 2012 at 09:14 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sadness. Love to all of you.*

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**Linda Meeks** - March 13, 2012 at 11:55 PM

CG

“ *Theresa,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father was a "pistol" and a very special man. I feel like I know him from our conversations and he could not have asked for a more wonderful daughter.*

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**Cravens Gibbs** - March 13, 2012 at 08:31 PM

AM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your father left a wonderful legacy to his family of his faithfulness to God.*

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**Aaron and Angelyn McKenzie** - March 13, 2012 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ *Sorry for your loss. I worked with Ozzie at NASA.*

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**Robert Crumbley** - March 13, 2012 at 04:05 PM

SF

“ Our family would like to extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad, granddad. We will be thinking of you during this most difficult time and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Steve, Dale, Alex & Emilee

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**Steve White & Family** - March 13, 2012 at 11:32 AM

JA

“ Just wanted to let you know what a joy it was to have worked with your dad several years ago at MicroCraft. Working with he, Jim Verbal, and Francis Tucker was a learning experience for a young engineer. They all were so helpful and passed along their "tricks of the trade". Will see you at the funeral tomorrow.

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**Jim Aaron** - March 13, 2012 at 10:49 AM

BL

“ We have enjoyed our association with your family through the years and are saddened at Ozzie's passing. May God's richest blessings be with you.

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**Bill and Margie Lambert** - March 13, 2012 at 08:07 AM

SL

“ You have our sympathy in the loss of your father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

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**Shirley Long** - March 12, 2012 at 01:14 PM