



Ben Durham

July 4, 1933 - June 26, 2023

Mr. Ben Durham, 89, of Wynne, died on Monday, June 26, 2023, at his home.

Ben was born in Cross County on July 4, 1933, to the late Edgar Sinclair Durham and Carrie Aliene Jones Durham. He was a 1951 graduate of Vanndale High School. He married Miss Martha Raye Jones in 1955. They made their home in the Pleasant Hill community. He worked for Halstead Industries for 32 years, enjoyed gardening and always had a story to tell. Ben was the caretaker for Akin Cemetery for many years. Ben served his country during the Korean War in the U. S. Air Force.

Survivors are his wife Martha Raye Durham of the home, sons, Gordon Gail Durham and wife Kathy of Arkansas, Kenneth Ray Durham and wife Paula of Nebraska, daughters, Sheila Marie Miller and husband Mike of Wynne, Heather Dawn Flowers and husband Gary of Mississippi, brother, Russell Durham of Marvel, Arkansas, 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and numerous great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Carrie Durham, brothers, Hal, Phillip, Basil, Walter and Lagrone Durham and sister, Mary Ella "Sis" Shannon, daughter, Darlene Durham Riley in 2022.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 6 to 8 PM at

Kernodle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Kernodle Funeral Home. No services at the graveside.

Memorials may be made to Akin Cemetery, First Financial Bank, 528 Merriman Ave. E.
Wynne, AR 72396.

Cemetery Details

Akin Cemetery

Vanndale, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Funeral service

JUN 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I met Ben when he began work at Halstead. We worked together many years and remained friends after our working years. I would often see him at Akins Cemetery and we would visit and reminisce. Ben was a good man. I regret that I was unable to attend his visitation/funeral.
Rick Palmer

Rick Palmer - June 29, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ben Durham.



June 28, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ben Durham.



June 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ben Durham.*



June 28, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ben Durham.*



June 27, 2023 at 07:19 PM