



Lee Hodges

December 13, 1927 - January 2, 2009

Lee Hodges, 81, of Wynne passed away Friday, January 2, 2009 in Jonesboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Velmer “Tuff” Lee Hodges and Dovie Mae Faulk Hodges and his daughter, Rita Mae Hodges Boeckmann. Private Thomas Lee Hodges served eighteen months in the U. S. Army’s 31st Field Artillery Battalion. He drove a 2 ½ ton truck transporting supplies, equipment and personnel over all types of terrain in Seoul, Korea. Following an honorable discharge from the Army on October 7, 1947, he returned to Cross County and continued farming with his father.

Lee married his wife, Pauline on August 6, 1949. They have lived in the one and only home which he built on the family farm. Of course, this home has seen several additions as their three children entered this world. Lee believed that each child should have his/her own bedroom; this greatly decreased the fussing and fighting among the kids at bedtime.

Lee certainly cherished his land and livestock, especially his milk cow. Some folks accused him of having green blood, John Deere green that is. Believing that an item could serve more than one specific purpose, he has been seen retrieving materials from the scrap metal pile to build a wood splitter. Lee was truly God’s steward.

Highly respected in the community for his integrity of character, generosity toward his neighbors, selflessness, and mechanical abilities, he instilled these same values in his children.

Passionate about conservative politics, the leaders of our State and Nation could learn a great deal from Lee's insightful analysis and commonsense approach to problem solving.

Survivors are his wife of 59 years, Pauline Smith Hodges of the home; his son, Thomas Matt Hodges of Wynne; daughter, Ellen Marie Hodges of Little Rock; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 10 AM at Kernodle Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Barnishaw Cemetery in Pine Tree. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Pauline and Family.....I was so saddened to hear of your loss.
May God be with you.
Marcenia*

Marcenia Owens Hawkins - February 20, 2009 at 09:36 PM

GA

“ *Lee Hodges*

Gary Jr. and Kelli Andrews - January 15, 2009 at 03:12 PM

TR

“ *Matt I am sorry for your loss. Your dad was a fine man. Well
respected by all.
Todd*

Todd & Sheris Richardson - January 12, 2009 at 09:51 PM

LW

“ *Ellen, It is so hard to lose a parent, especially one like Mr. Lee. His
obituary was extra special and described him perfectly. I will never
forget his voice or his overalls. We will think about you and your
family often...call me if you need me...call me if you don't, Lezle and
Caton Wilson*

Lezle Wilson - January 07, 2009 at 04:03 PM

JB

“ *SURE WAS A NICE MAN.*

JAMES BILLINGS - January 07, 2009 at 11:39 AM

MB

“ To all of the family I send my condolences and want you to know that I had the upmost respect for Mr. Lee. Mrs. Pauline, I will miss my hugs from your husband. He was so kind and genuine. May God be with you.

Martha Baldwin - January 07, 2009 at 10:57 AM

KN

“ You may not remember me . I used to be Kathy Scott and am Liz Lemones sister. I pray for God's comfort for each of you.I am so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Norman - January 06, 2009 at 06:12 PM

JH

“ *Pauline*
I am so sorry to hear of Lee's death.
I will never forget your generosity when my wife needed raw milk to treat her gerd. Thank you so much.
Jim Herman

Jim Herman - January 06, 2009 at 04:39 PM

JD

“ *Matt, Nate, and All,*
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. These times are so hard. Just know you are in our thoughts and prayers now and the days to come. Johnny & Laverne Daniel

Johnny & Laverne Daniel - January 05, 2009 at 07:02 PM

CW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Hodges' passing. Ellen, you and your entire family will be in my prayers.*

Cheryl Walthall - January 05, 2009 at 06:06 PM

RS

“ We were very sorry to hear of Mr. Lee's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You.

Roy and Carolyn Sanders - January 05, 2009 at 12:27 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Lee's passing. He was such a good man and a very dear friend. We will miss him greatly. Our prayers are with you at this time of sorry, but we know he is with the Lord now.
All our love to you Stanley & Kathleen

Stanley & Kathleen Bennett - January 04, 2009 at 12:47 PM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hodges. You are in our thoughts and prayers

Bryan and Jamie Bush - January 03, 2009 at 10:19 PM