



Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr.

March 16, 1932 - April 27, 2025

Howard E. Stearns, Sr., known as “Jack”, age 93, of Hollywood, Alabama, transitioned peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2025. He was born on March 16, 1932, to Posey and Mae Bell Stearns, and was one of fourteen children.

Jack proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1971, completing a 20-year military as Staff Sergeant. After retiring from the Air Force, he returned to his hometown of Hollywood, AL, where he worked at Revere until its closure in 1982. He then went on to work with the Alabama State Road Department, where he remained until his retirement in 1996.

Jack took great pride in keeping a garden every year, carefully tending to it with love. It wasn't just a hobby, it was a reflection of who he was: rooted, steady, generous. He was known for sharing the fruits of his labor with neighbors, family, and anyone who happened to stop by. His home was also filled with the gentle presence of his beloved horses and cows, which he treated not just as livestock, but as his cherished pets.

Jack was more than a father or grandfather, he was “Granddaddy” to everyone. His village of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and extended community all knew and loved him by that name. His legacy lives on not only in blood, but in memory, in stories, and in the values he quietly instilled.

He leaves to cherish his memory his granddaughters Deanna (Mike)

Richards: Jamiya Richards, James Richards (Elena & Serayah), Jada Richards, and Christian Richards, Tiffany (Javad) Watson, and Tirzhana Stearns: Deyante, Valencia (Niyanna), and Terrence, Jr; grandsons Jamaal (Deedra) Stearns: Jamaal, Jr. and Jaylen. and David Stearns; daughter-in-law Dawn Stearns; sisters Margaret Cooper and Helen Turner; brothers Robert Stearns, Preston Stearns, and Herman Stearns. He also shared a special bond with the extended family of his beloved companion, Mary Washington, who he loved and cherished as his own. and a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbors, and friends who will forever know him as Granddaddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Posey and Mae Bell Stearns; siblings Marie Edwards, Posey Stearns, Bill Stearns, James Stearns, and Charles Stearns; beloved, Olga Stearns; son, Howard E. Stearns, Jr., and daughter Rose Mary Stearns. He is also preceded in death by his grandson Preston Stearns and beloved Mary Washington.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 9, 2025 at Scottsboro Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Jack will lie in state on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Scottsboro Funeral Home in Scottsboro, AL. The funeral service will follow at 11:30 a.m., with interment at Old Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

Old Baptist Cemetery

Hollywood, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 574-3965
scottsborofuneralhome@gmail.com
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Lie-in-State

MAY 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ I was Mr Jack and Miss Mary’s pest control man for years. Some of the finest people I’ve ever known.

RIP Mr Jack.

Todd Davis - May 09, 2025 at 08:22 PM

JH

Mr. Jack and Mrs Mary were our neighbors, and I always told them they are the best neighbors we ever had! We have Wonderful neighbors all around us, and Tiffany and Jay are precious to us as well! We will miss Mr. Jack, I loved seeing him start that Garden and watch, as he kept it clean and it would produce soo much. He enjoyed life ... and will be missed This whole Family

*Will be in our prayers!
Love The Holcomb family “across the road”*

Jennifer Holcomb - May 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM

BS

“ Bonitta & Booker Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



Bonitta & Booker Smith - May 09, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ Bonitta & Booker Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..

Bonitta & Booker Smith - May 09, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - May 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Isaiah Robinson, Jr 's Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..

Isaiah Robinson, Jr 's Family - May 09, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Isaiah Robinson, Jr 's Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



Isaiah Robinson, Jr 's Family - May 09, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



May 09, 2025 at 06:02 AM



“ *Mae K Hutchins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr.*



Mae k Hutchins - May 08, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Edwards, Jim & Kay Neale, JP & Crystal purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..*



Edwards, Jim & Kay Neale, JP & Crystal - May 08, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Joyce, Tommy, Bruce & Michael purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..*



Joyce, Tommy, Bruce & Michael - May 08, 2025 at 11:21 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Serra family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



Love, Your Serra family - May 08, 2025 at 08:33 AM

FM

“ From your cousins, Conner’s & McKenzie’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..

From your cousins, Conner’s & McKenzie’s - May 04, 2025 at 11:54 AM

FM

“ From your cousins, Conner’s & McKenzie’s purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



From your cousins, Conner’s & McKenzie’s - May 04, 2025 at 11:54 AM

LF

“ Love, The Madrid Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



Love, The Madrid Family. - May 02, 2025 at 04:51 PM

AB

“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family. May our God continue to be with you all through the day ahead*

Anita Cothron Branford - April 28, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..

April 28, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard E. Stearns Sr..



April 28, 2025 at 05:59 PM