



John Sanford "Sandy" Gable

August 31, 1919 - January 21, 2015

John Sanford "Sandy" Gable, age 95 of Bessemer passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at his home in Eastern Valley, Bessemer, AL. Sandy was born August 31, 1919 in Jonesboro to S.S. Gable and Cora Ellen Bradley Gable. He served with the Merchant Marines during WWII. He was instrumental in the lives of countless young men in Eastern Valley/Bessemer cutoff area through the franchising of Babe Ruth league baseball, which he coached for 26 years. Later he also coached his granddaughter and great granddaughter in softball at McCalla. He retired from Woodward Iron/Mead Corporation in 1984. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Sandy was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, J.B., Ralph and Herbert Gable; two sisters, Mildred Gable Thomas and Phoebe Gable Thompson; wives, Mary Louise Johnson Gable and Eva Lou Roy Gable; son, Joseph S. Gable; daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Little Gable and grandson, Terry Len Gable. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Barbara Mitchell Gable; son, Ronald C. (Pat) Gable; daughters, Zora Gable Pate and Nora Gable (Carl) Essman; grandchildren, Carey Gable, Sabra Gable Shaw, Heather Gable Calhoun, Chad Pate and Chris Essman and eleven great grandchildren. Funeral service will be Monday, January 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with burial at Highland Memorial Gardens. Bishop Dwayne Harbison will be officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to McCalla Youth Athletic Association

(205) 233-8783.

Tribute Wall

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Marvin & Rena (Simmons) Hastings - September 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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Marvin & Rena (Simmons) Hastings - January 23, 2015 at 09:31 AM

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“ Zora, I'm so sorry for your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time and may your wonderful memories of your loving father strengthen and comfort each of you.

Sheila Lee - January 23, 2015 at 08:57 AM