



## Joseph L. Underwood

December 25, 1927 - November 22, 2013

Mr. Joe Underwood 85 of Fort Payne passed away Friday. He was born Dec. 25, 1927. Mr. Joe worked for Word Lumber Co. for over 50 years, and Kuhn True Value Hardware for several years. He was the proprietor of Joe's Janitorial Service. He had a love for gospel music and began singing with his brothers as a young boy. He promoted gospel music and organized and managed several quartets thru the years and received several musical awards. The annual Booms Day celebration is in his honor. Joe was a mentor to the youth of the community. He was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where he was a member of the male chorus and served as a deacon. He was loved by everyone, and everyone loved his smile.

Funeral services will be 1:00pm Tuesday from the Fort Payne Church of God. Burial will be in the Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 11:00am until 1:00pm at Fort Payne Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Prater Underwood. Daughters and son in laws, Patricia and Lewis McElrath, Mozella Kerley, Stephannie Underwood and Kathy and Carl Prater. Step-Son, DaShawn Prater. Sister, Odie Fielder. 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph L. Underwood*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *UNDERWOOD FAMILY,WE ARE SADDENED FOR YOUR LOSS.WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MISTER JOE'S KIND AND HELPFUL SPIRIT WHEN HE HELPED US AT THE STORE.THIS WORLD IS A LESSER PLACE WITHOUT HIM.*

**JIM and JUDY HOPE MILLICAN** - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Joe always was the smiling face that helped me figure out what I needed at Words. He was a very nice gentleman.*

**Sarah Tate Haase** - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy and Family,  
We want to express our sympathy on the loss of this great man. I never saw him without that welcoming smile and a compassion for people.*

*Until,*

**Randy & Troyce Garrett** - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I first met him at Word Lumber years ago when I would go there with my Daddy. Always a smile on his face, that is what I remember most.*

**Darlene Owen** - November 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Joseph L. Underwood*

James & Jo Holcombe - November 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *You have the greatest smile ever you gonna truly be missed*

Jacqueline mcelrath - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Joe. We will continue to keep you all lifted up in prayer. Much love...*

Sharon E. Whatley - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *sorry for your lost.*

Shanda J Reese - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *We know Joe was a great guy and he will be missed. Ellen (Mrs. Morton), Nancy, and Glen Word.*

Nancy Word - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Underwood's passing Kathy!! I never had the privilege to meet him!! You and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers!*

Debora Davis - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ Uncle Joe,

*Words can't express the way I feel right now. You have paved the way and taught not just you grandchildren, but your nieces and nephews a lot of things in life. I myself will never forget the things that you have showed us and taught. I love you and miss you. Your nieces.*

*Katrina & Ja'Porsche Underwood-Harrison*

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**Katrina Underwood-Harrison** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *May you rest in peace Mr. Joseph. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Jackie Hardy** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Joe was a good friend and and good Man he will be sincerely missed, our hearts and prayers are with you the family at this time.*

*Sincerely  
Paul Green  
Sunset Mobile Homes*

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**Sunset Mobile Homes/Employees** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Mr. Joseph was a blessing to us all during the time he was here. Thank you for allowing us to know & care for him. Tina Garrett RN, Freda Langston LPN, Nicole Estrada LPN, Edie Wilbanks LPN, Janie Maddox LPN, Carrie Tidmore LBSW, Rhonda Martin AD, Carla West CNA, Courtney Hernandez LPN*

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**Station 2 staff Collinsville Health Care & Rehab** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Kathy you are in my prayers.*

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**Lisa Thomas** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Joe's passing, I know we may be grieving here on earth, but he is rejoicing in Heaven! God Bless*

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**Laura Kendrick** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. My family is sending up prayers for healing of the heart and praise knowing he is rejoicing in Heaven this day. May God bless you all!*

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**Nicole Brown** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I was fortunate enough to have known Joe. I will always remember his smile and his kindness. He was always so pleasant. I left Fort Payne in '95 so it has been a long time since I have seen Joe but I know he would have been the very same. I send my condolences to his family. Just think of the good times and it will help you through the rough times ahead. I bet he is singing in heaven.*

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**Jeaniece Strickland Brooks** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers! We love you, Charles and Debbie Morgan and family*

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**Morgan Family** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ So very sorry for your loss , Mr Joe was such a sweet and kind person , a true testament as to the kind of person we all should be! our loss is Heavens gain ! A special Angel singing in the Heavenly choir today .

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**MARGARET BALDWIN** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Kathy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know Heaven is a sweeter place with your daddy in it. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Monia K. Smith

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**Monia K. Smith** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ A great man and will be sorely missed as a member of our community. Prayers go out to the family.

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**Jimmy Durham** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Wonderful man. He will be missed by many in Fort Payne, Alabama. Always a gentleman. He was always so helpful at Word's.

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**Peggy L. Bailey** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Kathy we are so sorry about Joe's passing. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

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**Jim & Ann Houston** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Joe will be missed in our community. I have very fond memories of him. I will keep his family in my prayers.

Raymond Groat - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

TaWanda Mcelrath - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a very special man. I have many fond memories of Joe from the time I worked with him at Word Lumber Co. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Beckie Leath - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ My most sincere condolences to the family for their profound loss. Mr. Joe was a truly special man. A Godly man who truly walked the walk. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives were touched by his kindness. God bless you all.

Anita Parker - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So very sorry for your loss. He was such a sweet man..Will definitely be praying for you all .

suzette killian - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Cathy & Carl, we are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you and your family.

Denise and Bob White - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joseph passing. He was such a nice man. My prayers for the family.

Janice Mills - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Joe touched a lot lives in such a positive way. We are blessed to have known him. He will be greatly missed.

Rick and Kathy Kuhn - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Kathy, I remember your dad being at Word's when we were young. You and your sisters are such a testament to him and your mom. So sorry for your loss, I'll keep you in my prayers.  
L/y, Cheryl

Cheryl Appleton Odle - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Kathy and family - sad for u but thrilled that your dad is in Heaven now singing with the angels! I think u r the greatest Kathy! I love u and will be praying for u! Jackie

Jackie Thomas Crowe - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. Mr. Joe was a wonderful man and such a joy to be around. God bless all of you!

Debbie Gamble - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Underwood was a wonderful and cheerful man who charmed any person he met. Mr. Joe will be sincerely missed by everyone lucky enough to have met him, to have witnessed his gentle nature, or to have been influenced by his music. My condolences are extended to Mozelle, Stephanie, Kathy, and the entire family. The days ahead will be hard, but heaven is blessed to have a new voice in the angel choir.*

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**Joanna Titshaw Bazemore** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Kathy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Craig McCarver** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Mr. Underwood was a fine gentleman and will surely be missed in FP. Kathy, my condolences to you and your entire family.*

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**Alan Williamson** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YU

“ *We will keep you in our prayers.*

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**Yvette Underwood** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *We will all miss Joe's smile and his always happy attitude. He was a blessing to everyone he came in contact with. I know he's dancing on streets of gold now. God Bless.*

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**Randall Ham** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I met Mr. Underwood many years ago and feel honored to have known him. He was a very kind, dear man and will be greatly missed.

Debbie Gilbert - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss.  
I was proud to grow up knowing such a kind and caring person. I know he will be missed by many.

Sandra Word Crowell - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Loves Mr Joe and his entire family growing up in Fort Payne. He displayed true Christian character throughout his life and I will always remember him as a gentleman! His children all mirror his life! LOVE ALL THE UNDERWOODS! So sorry for your loss!

Lynn Brewer - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ So sorry to hear about Joe's passing i really enjoyed being around him he was a real good man.

Stan Ervin - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Kathy I'm so sorry for you and your families loss. Thinking of you.

Darby Scott Tyndall - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ What a beautiful legacy. Your family is in my prayers.

Teresa Wright Musso - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Joe Underwood was a great man whom I have always loved and respected. God Bless his family during this time of grief.*

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**Jay Ham** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My prayers are with you Kathy and your dear family. Lean into faith. God Bless you!*

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**Kay Inman Cate** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *I will miss Mr Joe. What a great man*

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**Chris Nichols** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM