



## Earl L. Waddell Sr.

August 7, 1935 - January 3, 2025

Earl (Lee) Waddell Sr. was born August 7th ,1935 in Lexington, Mississippi to the late Frank and Annie (nee Pitchford) Waddell. He passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2025.

Earl was married to Rebecca (nee Jones) for many years. He was a hardworking man who took pride in taking care of his family. He worked at Caterpillar for many years, and owned his own lawn care service.

Earl loved to sit on his back porch during the summer months to visit with family and friends. His favorite breakfast was grits and scrambled eggs, and he loved Milano Bakery plain donuts. In addition, he enjoyed listening to blues, and watching westerns. Earl's favorite show was Andy Griffith. He loved the character Barney Fife, and would laugh hysterically at his antics. He also enjoyed watching Steve Harvey on Family Feud. He was a caring father and grandfather. He would pick up his grandkids from school and then take them to McDonald's. He always made sure they had money in their pockets.

Earl was preceded in death by both parents; one daughter, Debra Ann; three sisters, Eula Waddell, Annie Mae Cohill, and Beatrice Redmond; five brothers, J.D. "Buster," Frank, Willie "Duke," Booker T. "Mane," and Cassell.

Earl leaves to cherish his memories; former wife, Rebecca, six children; Varena (John) Adams, Earl "Bo" Jr., Sherri, Krista, Marcus (Desaree), and Anthony "Ant"; three grandchildren, Brandon, Jasmine, and Eboni; four great

grandchildren, Jamari, Jayla, Jace, and Elijah; and a host of relatives and friends. Special cousins George, Roosevelt Waddell, and Phil Jones; numerous nieces, nephews; special friends Avalee, Larry Milam, and Otis Spencer. He had a very caring transportation driver, Mark F. that took him to dialysis weekly. In addition, two exceptional care givers; Nico and Deja.

Earl was a kind, loving man with a generous heart who will be truly missed.

“And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

Visitation and Funeral Service for Earl L. Waddell Sr. will be held at Delgado Funeral Chapel located at 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432.

Visitation: Sunday, January 12, 2025, 9:00 -11:00 AM

Funeral Service will start at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM cst.

Live webcasting of the funeral service will be available online at 11:00 AM cst. for details or questions please call (815) 774-9220.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **12.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Earl L. Waddell Sr.*



**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - January 11, 2025 at 10:40 PM

BJ

*Sending all my love, prayers, and condolences to the Waddell family💚  
May Earl rest in peace.*

**Breanna Johnson** - January 12, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LA

*To the entire Waddell Family: I'm so sorry for your loss...I know it will be profound. Beautiful service. Holding you all in my heart and prayers.*

🕊️❤️  
*Love, Lisa*

**Lisa Ammons** - January 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM

FJ

*Sending love from Texas, stay strong Fam. (From the Jones family)*

**Faye Jones** - January 12, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SA

*My prayers and condolences to my beautiful and loving Waddle family,  
may Uncle Earl Rest In Peace!*

*Be Blessed, Love you All! ❤️  
Susan (Ree) Ammons-Tate from Boynton Beach, Florida*

**Susan Ammons-Tate** - January 12, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MT

*Melvin Thompson and the Entire Thompson family.*

**Melvin Thompson** - January 17, 2025 at 09:13 AM

MT

*To the Waddle family our prayers and condolences to each and every one of you. Earl will be truly missed but all the memories will last forever.*

**Melvin Thompson** - January 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

DC

*My condolences to the entire Waddell family.*

**Diane Clark-Dantzler** - January 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM

AW

“ *When I Was 9 Years Old Uncle Earl Showed Me How To Cut Grass He Was A Very Caring Man He Didn't Have A Problem Helping Other People....i remember when we all watch western till this day I still watch them you gonna be truly miss uncle Earl aka Tat*

**Antwan Waddell** - January 12, 2025 at 11:12 AM

GT

“ *I can say Mr. Waddell was a wonderful and very kind man. If you needed a ride he didn't mind taking you. I'm going to miss him sitting outside in the summertime on the back porch. Uncle Earl you will be definitely missed. My deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers goes out to the family. RIH Mr. Waddell*



**Gail and Frederick Tillman** - January 11, 2025 at 08:13 PM



*I'm gonna miss my Uncle he was the last to go now they are all together again a family with strong love for each other they all are missed but their love will never die rest well with God and your family I love you always Uncle Earl your niece Patricia Waddell-Edwards*

**Patricia Waddell** - January 12, 2025 at 09:56 AM

SL

“ *To the Waddell family, I send my condolences and prayers.*

**Stephanie Lane** - January 09, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl L. Waddell Sr..*



January 09, 2025 at 01:59 PM

ST

“ *Sylvester Benson And Magnolia Terrell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earl L. Waddell Sr..*



**Sylvester Benson And Magnolia Terrell** - January 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

EM

“ I met Earl many years ago at the laundromat. I was reading my Watchtower and he asked me if I knew his ex wife Rebecca. I told him that I did. Then he started naming off all of his kids. We had a really long conversation.

*I would like to send my condolences to everyone who knew and loved Earl.*

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**Evonne Myers** - January 08, 2025 at 11:37 PM

DT

“ DOTGT Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earl L. Waddell Sr..



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**DOTGT Team** - January 08, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DT

“ DOTGT Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl L. Waddell Sr..

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**DOTGT Team** - January 08, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DE

“ *Waddell Family;*

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies  
for your lost*

*Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and  
your Family during this difficult time*

*May God Bless you with,Health,Strenght,Love And Peace*

*Redmond Family*



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**Delores** - January 07, 2025 at 05:17 PM

TF

“ *The Redmond Family planted a grove of 3 <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Trees</a> in honor of Earl L. Waddell Sr..*

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**The Redmond Family** - January 07, 2025 at 04:40 PM

DB

“ *Derrick Boykin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Earl L. Waddell Sr..*



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**Derrick Boykin** - January 07, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JN

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of MR EARL WADDELL and family. I know there are NO WORDS to soften the BATTLE STRESSED journey but we know that he rests in the makers arms.*

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**Joy Neal** - January 05, 2025 at 08:56 AM