



## Joshua "Vern" McGrady

June 7, 1932 - February 18, 2008

Anderson - Joshua "Vern" McGrady, 75, Anderson, died February 18, 2008 at Community Hospital, Anderson. He was born June 7, 1932 in Troy, Alabama, and resided in Anderson since 1952. Joshua retired from Guide Division of General Motors in 1983. He was a Certified Arborist and owned McGrady Tree Service. Joshua was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Anderson and also fellowshiped with Anderson Zion Baptist Church. He was a member Peerless Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. #32, A-town Easy Riders and Gold Wing Riders of America. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and landscaping. Vern loved talking, spending time, and joking with family and friends. He is survived by his wife of six years, Dorothy Jackson McGrady; children, Lurlene M. Hester of McDowell, Georgia, Shirlene McGrady of New Lebanon, Ohio and Irene K. McGrady of Anderson; stepchildren, Rev. Terry & wife Linda Bush of Anderson and Ursalynn B. Sembly of Indianapolis; brothers, John Frank & wife Ruth Ann McGrady of Anderson and Ike Jones of Hampton, Virginia; a host of aunts and uncles; eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews including Tyrone McGrady and special friends, Clem Woods, Jeffery Davis, Mr. Elliott Murdock, Andre Coleman, Dan Davis and Leon Dixon. Also surviving are many special cousins including, Ann Stewart and Melvin Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents, John West & Irene Gibson McGrady; two brothers, Robert and James McGrady; son, Willie Lewis McGrady; a daughter, Vanessa A. Burney and a grandson, Antoine Hester. Services will be

Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11:00 AM, at Anderson Zion Baptist Church; 2008 Louise Street with Rev. James McGrady Jr. officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be from 5-8:00 PM on Friday, February 22, 2008 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)