



The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and
Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*



John Elmer Hillhouse, Sr.

September 11, 1930 – June 21, 2024

John Elmer Hillhouse, Sr. was born September 11, 1930, and went Home to his heavenly reward on June 21, 2024, surrounded by family. He was born in Houston, MS, and raised in Webster County. He attended school at Cumberland. After high school he had various jobs before being drafted into the Army and sent to the Korean War. After returning home he went to work for Continental Trailways; first, driving a truck then a bus for over 30 years. He continued to drive for Greyhound when they took over Trailways, then retired and began driving a truck again for CFC Transportation in Columbus. He was affectionately known as the fastest old man. He married the one and only love of his life, Joy Kay Butts, in 1959. They began life together in the Delta, soon moved to Mathiston, MS, and then to Columbus, MS, in 1970, where he lived and raised his family until he moved to Fulton, MS, in 2017. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a young age and served him all of his life. After moving to Columbus, MS, they joined East End Baptist Church where he was a faithful member for the rest of his life and served as a deacon until he moved. Known to most as John, he was called "Red" by Joy Kay and most of his family and close friends. Practically everyone would describe him as the happiest and sweetest man they'd ever met. He never met a stranger and would always help anyone in need. Everyone who ever went on bus trips with him loved him and would always request him again for their next trip. John is survived by his daughter; Merrill (Charlie) Hudnall, Huntsville, AL, son; John E. (Barbie) Hillhouse, Jr., Fulton, MS, six grandchildren; Erin (Jordan) Baldwin, Madison (Joey) Hanson, Kendall Hudnall, J.T. Hillhouse, Hays Hillhouse and Avery Hillhouse and three great grandchildren; McKay Hanson, Rory Hanson and Collins Baldwin. He is preceded in death by his wife; Joy Kay Butts Hillhouse, parents; Vollie Clifford Hillhouse and Ella Labon Dorroh Hillhouse, two sisters; Mavis Guest and Sallie Lou Hillhouse and two brothers; T.C. Hillhouse and Knowfel Hillhouse. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his children and grandchildren, but we are thankful that he is in his Heavenly home.

Officiant

Rev. Byron Benson

Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers

John Hillhouse, Jr.
Charlie Hudnall
J.T. Hillhouse
Hays Hillhouse
Jordan Baldwin
Joey Hanson
Charlie Shaw
Jay Curry
Scott Curry
Patrick Curry
Blain Curry
Mike Brannon, Jr.
Bryan Hayes
Bobby Lee Guest
David Willson
Ernie Smith
John Poss
Johnny Eidson
Andy Hubbard

Memorial Contributions can be made to

The Gideons or East End Baptist Church,
Columbus, MS



Professional Services Entrusted to

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Service of Celebration and Remembrance of the life of

John Elmer Hillhouse, Sr.

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Funeral Service

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Two O'clock in the Afternoon

Oliver Chapel
Eupora, Mississippi

Interment

Eupora City Cemetery
Eupora, Mississippi

Officiating

Rev. Byron Benson