



## Joseph Bennett Merritt

November 12, 1936 - March 16, 2006

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Bennett Merritt, 69, of Columbus, MS, formerly of Roswell, died March 16, 2006. Born in Atlanta to Hoke Smith and Bertha Mae Hardeman Merritt, Joe had worked as a manager for Western Union Telegraph Co. and then as chief of security for Bigbee Transportation until his retirement. He was a member of the U.S. Jaycees, Lion's Club and was the Charter President of the Sertoma club of Columbus, MS. Along with his parents his brother Larry Taylor Merritt preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughter, Melanie M. Amodeo of Houston, TX; sons, Michael J. Merritt of Columbus, MS and Marty R. Merritt of Dallas, TX; brothers, James Allen Merritt of Gulfport, MS; grandchildren, Danielle Nicole Merritt, Dustin Michael Amodeo, Zachary Cole Merritt, Alia Alexandra Merritt and Laurel Elizabeth Merritt; former wife, Jodi Merritt Napier of Columbus, MS.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 19 at 2 PM in the funeral home chapel. Rev. Thomas Merritt officiating. Interment Roswell Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 18 from 6 to 8 pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directory and Crematory, 12050 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, 770-645-1414 ([www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Bennett Merritt*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I am so sorry to here about your Dad. He is a very special man. He always made me smile.He loves his family very much. I will be praying for your family.If there is anything I can do to help in any way, Please let me know. I am sorry I can't be there with you. All my love & prayers,  
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Columbus, MS###imported-begin###Cheryl Carpenter Bush###imported-end###*

March 19, 2006 at 09:32 AM



“ *May God bless.###imported-begin###Jodi Napier###imported-end###*

March 19, 2006 at 09:04 AM



“ *Uncle Joe -- you will be missed very much! We loved you & your wonderful ways of enjoying life & being so happy! God Bless You & Uncle Allen, Love, Paul Brandenburg (Deborah's husband)###imported-begin###Paul Brandenburg###imported-end###*

March 17, 2006 at 07:07 PM



“ Joe you are loved & will be missed very much! I wish I could be there with you & the Family -- but my Love & my prayers definitely are there!

*God Bless You All,*

*With Love,*

*Deborah Lynn Merritt##imported-begin##DEBORAH LYNN  
MERRITT##imported-end##*

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