



Mr. Emmett Lloyd Guess

April 25, 1937 - March 12, 2026

Emmett Lloyd Guess was born on April 25, 1937, in Galloway, Arkansas, to the late Fred and Inella McFarland Guess. He was one of nine siblings, all of whom preceded him in death: brothers Lonnie, McHenry, Fred, Charles, and Anderson, and sisters Lorraine "Dollie," Evelyn, and Katie. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Guess, and his daughter, Donna Burns.

Emmett attended Scipio A. Jones High School in North Little Rock, Arkansas, where he excelled in athletics and earned All-American honors in football. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a helicopter mechanic. After completing his military service, he made his home in Maryland.

Over the years, Emmett built a meaningful and dedicated career. He worked as a forensic nurse and retired after 30 years of service at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C. In addition, he spent several years as a cab driver in the D.C. area. He also gave back to his community as the Director of Athletics for the Boys & Girls Club in Glenarden-Ardmore, Maryland, where he coached both baseball and football. In his leisure time, he found great joy in fishing, especially on his boat in the Chesapeake Bay.

In 2006, Emmett met and married the love of his life, Bobbie Charlene,

September 17, 2006. They made their home in Maryland several years before relocating to Jackson, Tennessee in 2009. Together, they made a home, shared a love for the outdoors and enjoyed gardening side by side.

A man of deep faith, Emmett was a devoted member of the 13th Street Church of Christ in Washington, D.C., where he faithfully served as a Deacon and Treasurer for 28 years. He took great pride in maintaining the church building and grounds. After relocating to Jackson, Tennessee, he became a dedicated member of East Jackson Church of Christ, where he continued his service as a faithful member and assisted with communion.

Emmett leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Bobbie Charlene Guess; his son, Michael

D. Guess of Maryland; his granddaughters, Chasity Wilson of New York and Marketta Vernon of Maryland; and his grandson, Michael L. Guess of Maryland. He is also survived by his stepchildren: Van (Diane) Dodson of Chandler, Arizona; Barbara (George) Steele, Perry Dodson, Sharon Dodson, and Jackie (Valerie) Dodson, all of Jackson, Tennessee.

He is further survived by his sisters-in-law: Ruth Guess and Marie Guess of North Carolina;

Corene Steele of Jackson, Tennessee; Lucy Strong of Drummonds, Tennessee; and Drue Burton of Los Angeles, California.

In addition, he leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones. Among those who held a special place in his heart is his special granddaughter, Menshai "Shay Lynn" Wade.

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Celebration of Life

MAR 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Mr. Emmet Guess at the EJCOC in 2011, visiting the church and was added to the church, was the time of my life meeting him through Corene Steel who invited me, and for my Baptism! He was always the one to do the Lord's supper and did an Awesome job every Sunday, He was so kind, compassionate, he was one who loved God, his light shined so others would see the Glory of God, and the goodness of God, he was a faithful servant of God, and you could see it in him, loved by church family to his wife I pray for God's comfort and peace as you go through grief and for all the family, sorry I am not there with you all, just know I am Love Sister Jean Morris, I am so sorry, but we all know God makes no mistakes,, you will be in my thoughts and prayers and our church family, so blessed to be a part of the family, 🙏📖❤️

Delois J Morris - March 20 at 12:58 PM

DM

“ Delois J Morris lit a candle in memory of Emmett Guess



Delois J Morris - March 20 at 12:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Emmett Lloyd Guess.



March 19 at 12:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Emmett Lloyd Guess.

March 19 at 12:18 PM



“ Sending our condolences to the Guess and Dobson family. Richard & Alethea McClain



Richard & Alethea McClain - March 17 at 10:18 PM



“ J C & Barbara Cockrell lit a candle in memory of Emmett Guess



J C & Barbara Cockrell - March 14 at 12:01 PM



“ Sincere Condolences to the Family. Praying God's Peace and Comfort at this Challenging time. Larry and Mary Davis ❤️



Larry and Mary Davis - March 13 at 05:43 PM

MR

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Guess and
Dodson Families.
May The Lord Comfort You All
Marion Roger's-McCurry*



Marion Rogers-McCurry - March 13 at 10:32 AM