



Chester J. Garnett

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Retired Lieutenant Colonel Chester “Cy” John Garnett, a proud veteran, passed away

peacefully in his sleep on November 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He died from

complications related to Agent Orange exposure.

Born in Flint, Oklahoma, and raised in Plainview, Texas, Cy grew up alongside his three younger

brothers and younger sister under the care of his devoted single mother. At 13, he joined Cal

Farley’s Boy’s Ranch in Amarillo, Texas, where he flourished in a structured and supportive

environment, gaining practical skills, independence, and enduring Christian values that shaped his life.

Cy enlisted in the United States Army at age 20 and served with distinction during both the

Korean and Vietnam Wars. Rising to the rank of Captain during his combat service in Vietnam,

he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Over his career, he was stationed

across the United States and overseas in Ludwigsburg, Germany, before retiring from military service in 1990.

While serving in the military, Cy earned his bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. He later completed his master's degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and taught math and science at Bagley Junior High School, where he eventually retired.

It was at Wayland Baptist University that Cy met the love of his life, Laura.

They were married

on December 26, 1960. In 1972, after returning from Germany, Cy and Laura built their dream

home and settled with their family in Corner, Alabama.

For more than 50 years, Cy was a devoted member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, serving as a

deacon and Sunday School teacher. Sharing the salvation of Jesus Christ was his greatest

priority. A man of deep faith and patience, he made God the center of his home and lived his beliefs through example.

Cy is survived by his daughters, D'Lesia (Doug) Yates of Altoona, Alabama, and Michele "Missy"

(Mike) Weathers of Hayden, Alabama, and his adopted son, Mitch Blackmon of Gallant,

Alabama. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Colby Carroll, Brantley (John) Locker,

Braddock (Cortani) Wilson, Brooke (Austin) Joseph, and Stone Weathers, and great-grandchildren Judith Blaike Wilson, Jameson Braddock Wilson, Brielle Hartley Carroll,

Laura Hollis Wilson, and Susanna "Zuzu" Ruth Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Mt Zion Men's Ministry or Building Fund in Warrior, AL.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Laura Marie McCrary Garnett; his son,

William (Billy) Garnett; his mother, Modelle Garnett Jennings; and his brothers, Gene, Joe, and

Ray Don Garnett

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home directing.

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist
2427 Corner Rd.
Warrior, AL 35180

Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ With Love Mona and Woody purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Chester J. Garnett.



With Love Mona and Woody - November 28, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ Chester “Uncle CJ” Garnett will be truly missed. He was a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Sandy, Steffanie, and Barbara (Maiden names Garnett) send prayers to all of the family.

Sandra (Sandy) Godfrey - November 27, 2025 at 07:12 AM

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“ I remember him telling me how he got the nickname "Cy". I had a good laugh. I don't know if he was joking or if it was the truth, but it was a good one. CJ's younger brother Joe was my stepdad.

Donna Vernon - November 27, 2025 at 04:08 AM