



## Mr. William Marion Coker, Jr.

July 28, 1935 - January 29, 2012

William Marion Coker Jr., 76 of Ashdown, Arkansas died January 29, 2012 at his home. He was born in Fouke, Arkansas on July 28, 1935. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Marion Coker Sr. and Laddie Lucille McCormick Coker; and two brothers, John Wylie Coker and Dennis Eugene Coker.

Marion was retired from SWEPCO after 43 years. He loved his community and served on the city council for over 20 years. He was a member of Hicks First Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. He was also a member of the Rotary Club.

Marion loved his family and friends but Doyal and Dillon held a special place in his heart.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary LaVerne Coker; Son, Darrell Coker and wife Nancy Coker of Ashdown, Arkansas; Daughter, Susie Brown and Husband Tim Brown of Ashdown, Arkansas; two grandsons, Doyal Ward III of Ashdown, Arkansas and Dillon Ward and wife Erin Ward of Ashdown, Arkansas; four step grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday February 2, 2012 at Hicks First Baptist Church in Ashdown, Arkansas with Rev. Leon Turner and Bobby Fisher officiating.

Burial will be immediately following at Ashdown Memorial Gardens in Ashdown, Arkansas under the direction of Madden Funeral Home, Ashdown, AR. Online registration is at [maddenfuneralservice.com](http://maddenfuneralservice.com).

Visitation will be Wednesday February 1, 2012 from 5 to 7 pm at Madden Funeral Home Ashdown, Arkansas.

The family request memorials be made to:

Hicks First Baptist Church

507 LR 29

Ashdown, AR 71822

OR

Ashdown Scholarship Fund

511 N. 2nd Street

Ashdown, AR 71822

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Marion Coker, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *My heart is saddened to hear of the passing of such a fine gentleman. Mr. Coker had a smile and good word to us all. It was a pleasure having known him.*

**cynthia thrash** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Susie and Darrell, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing...Seeing his picture brought back long ago childhood memories and the little pond with the old fashioned water pump in your back yard, I just loved to walk down to your house and visit, I think there were fish in it? Your dad was always so kind to me and Scott, it just felt like a safe and loving place to be. You were truly blessed and lucky to have such a wonderful Dad!*

**Amber Van Winkle White - Huntsville, TX** - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *GOD Bless you all and Darrell was a great friend when Jackie passed away. We miss you Miss Laverne in church.*

**Lori Smart** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *LaVerne and the entire family please know my thoughts are with you and may God comfort you in your time of need.*

**Judy Bonner Matthews - Texarkana, TX** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Family: I am sorry for your loss. May God hold you in the palm of His Mighty Hand at this sad time.

Fabienne Thrash - Texarkana, TX - family friend - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I have known the Coker family since Susie and I were in the 3rd grade together and we became friends. We have been life long friends. Mr and Mrs Coker were always so good to me when I would come to play or Susie would come to play. Mr Coker was a very good man! He will be missed by many! Everyone he knew he touched in some way. Always positive, with his kind handshake or smile. May God give the family comfort during this time and the days and weeks to come. All my love Angie and the Ezell family

Angie Ezell Kennedy - Jacksonville, AR - family friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Mr. Coker was a Wonderful man.we've had the pleasure of knowing him since 1973.He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Buddy & Linda Saulsbury - Ashdown, AR - Friends - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Mr. Coker was truly a fine southern gentleman. I first met him when I moved to Ashdown in the 60s and, from that first day until the last, he was always the same loving, caring man...always smiling, always caring enough to ask about you and your loved ones. He will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Roxie Jones - Ashdown, AR - friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Mr. Coker always had a smile on his face every time i saw him.  
Always*

*had kind words . He will be missed*

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**Lisa Bowman - Ashdown, AR** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I fondly remember Mr. Coker and I'm saddened at the news of his passing. He was a very kind and caring man. I remember one particular encounter with Mr. Coker when I was a young single mom and SWEPCO was demanding a deposit on my account. He understood my struggles and hardships and helped me figure it all out. I know it doesn't sound like a major issue but at that point in my life it was and without his understanding and compassion it would never have been handled properly. I pray that the family finds peace and some comfort in knowing how he touch many people's lives and he will be truly missed.*

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**Melissa Booth - Ashdown, AR** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM