



Paul "Sonny" Pierce Hancock

July 29, 1932 - May 8, 2022

Paul "Sonny" Pierce Hancock, Jr., also known as Dede, passed away at home in Trussville on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 89 years and 9 1/2 months old (and he wanted you to know that!) Sonny was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on July 29, 1932. He attended Hewitt High School where he met his wife, Bobbie Elveree "Rickie" Hambrice. He attended Auburn University and recruited 15 years for Auburn University football. He was a lifelong Auburn fan. He was a master builder - an innovative problem solver who took risks and wasn't afraid to try something new to get difficult problems solved. He said, "Make sure you're right, then go ahead." Sonny started Hancock Scaffolds and Hancock Contracting Company. He had an enormous capacity to work hard and expected those he hired to work hard alongside him. Many young men learned the value of hard work on the job site of Sonny Hancock. A blister was a badge of honor.

He did civil, commercial, residential, and industrial construction and had a varied portfolio: he built churches; made lakes; made roads and sewer systems; created movable bleachers for events; placed scaffolding around the outside of the Alabama State Capitol and Vulcan, as well as inside cathedrals and power plant boilers. His was a turnkey company, rarely utilizing subcontractors. That was his capstone. He had an engineering mind that wrote his notes on anything he could find - napkins, scraps of paper, and even the headliner of the truck. He was funny and loved for people to laugh with him. He loved to dance, work hard, and play hard. His love for Jesus was real.

There is no telling how many people have met Jesus because of the hospitality he and Rickie extended to the high schoolers of Birmingham during the revival of the 1970's. Sonny was preceded in death by his parents Paul Hancock, Sr. and Hazel Hoskins Hancock; brother, William "Bill" Hancock; and daughter, Kathy Leigh Hancock. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Rickie; sister, Janyce Townley; son, Paul Hancock III "Trey" (Becky): Ashleigh (Vesa) Mättö - Rebecca, William, Elisabeth; Grace (Luke) Halford - Anna Claire, Hudson, Jane, Bo; Paul Hancock IV (Rebekah) - WinnLeigh, Vivian, Paul V "Huck"; daughter, Kim Hancock Swafford (Dale): Daniel (Brigette) - Ridge, Reese, Raegan; Benjamin (Holly) - Johnny, Joe; grand daughter, Sunnie Leigh (Kasey) Graydon - Pierce, Suede, Sadie Kate, Knox; son, Jon Britton "Britt" Hancock (Audrey): Hannah (Ben) Johnson - Hadassah, Samuel, Ariella, Talia; Aspen (John) Marshall; Jacob (Cassie) Hancock - Micah, Havilah; David (Jasmine) Hancock; nieces, nephews, and more great grandchildren to come. He will be greatly missed by family and friends but most of all by his forever sweetheart, Rickie. They would have completed 69 years of marriage on June 27, 2022. Visitation will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 11am until 1 pm at The First Baptist Church of Trussville followed by the funeral service at 1 pm. Burial will follow at Trussville City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Trussville City Cemetery

131 Main Street
Trussville, AL 35173

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Trussville
128 North Chalkville Road
Trussville, AL 35173

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul "Sonny" Pierce Hancock.*



May 13, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Sonny , who I always thought was my uncle , until I was grown , was such fun to be around. If you were in his presence , you were laughing! I loved going to their house growing up, there was always something fun going on . But most of all their faith , as a teenager I looked up to Trey, Kim and Kathy (Britt was younger than me) . It was always my hope that my children would be like them. They loved each other , and loved Jesus more!
I always loved how Rickie would say, now Sonny... as he was telling one of his funny stories . They were a great example of love.*



Angelia Hendon - May 11, 2022 at 11:42 PM



“ *Kim and Dale,
We're so very sorry for your loss. Sending a heartfelt hug across the miles.
Angie & Tom Zalewski*

Angie Zalewski - May 11, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul "Sonny" Pierce Hancock.*



May 11, 2022 at 09:46 PM