



## Altus Branch

October 1, 1930 - August 19, 2013

ALTUS ABNER BRANCH, AGE 84

And a resident of Pine died at 5:20 pm Monday August 19, 2013 at his home. He was retired as a tug-boat captain with American Commercial Barge Lines in New Orleans and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a longtime member of Pine Missionary Baptist Church who loved fishing and enjoyed watching sports and going to the games of his son and grandchildren.

Survived by:

Wife of 63 years: Mertie Von Gerald Branch of Pine

2 Sons and Daughters in law: Ricky and Cindy Branch of West Monroe, Reggie and Jenny Branch of Angie

5 Grandchildren and Spouses: Angela and John Gullatt, Krissy and Jason Brunn, Aaron and Meridith Branch, Jason and Amanda Branch, Justin Branch and Jenna Stephens

9 Great-grandchildren: John Bailey, Kinsley, Brooks, Maddox, Maverick, Caroline, Lilly Marie, Camryn, Damien, and expected grandchild Kane

Brother and Sister in law: Ralph and Betty Branch of Bogalusa

Sister: Vickie Creel of Franklinton

Also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins

He was preceded in death by his parents Levi Branch and Dollie Erwin Branch, 2 brothers Albert Branch and Charles Branch, and 4 sisters Gladys Sartin, Ruby Crain, Bonnie Gerald and Margie Dobson

Visitation will be at Pine Missionary Baptist Church Wednesday August 21st

from 5 pm until 9 pm and after 9 am on Thursday. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11 am Thursday with Bro. Brent King, Bro. Richard Magee and Bro. Clyde Cooper officiating. Burial will follow in the New Gerald Cemetery.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ricky & Reggie - we were sorry to learn of your father's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**David & Anita Wood** - August 31, 2013 at 06:48 PM

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“ *CINDY, RICKEY AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY I SEND MY SYMPATHY. LOVE MARGUERITE AND FAMILY*

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**MARGUERITE LIPANI** - August 20, 2013 at 11:12 PM

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“ *We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. May God give you comfort in the days ahead.*

*Nancy and Mark Corkern*

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**Nancy Corkern** - August 20, 2013 at 03:37 PM