



## Mr. Bennie James Minnifield

February 18, 1944 - December 8, 2021

Bennie was born Friday, February 18, 1944, at 10:00 a.m. in Belzoni, Mississippi to the late Cleveland and Hattie Minnifield. At the age of 12, he went to live in Chicago, Illinois. Bennie accepted Christ at an early age. He was a graduate of John Marshall High School in Chicago. Afterwards, Bennie entered the United States Army in 1964 and served in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1966.

In 1983, Bennie met the love of his life, Mattie Ree Cox; they were joined in holy matrimony in 1987. They were happily married for 34 wonderful years. During which time, they were able to travel extensively.

Bennie is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and one sister. He leaves to mourn one son, Bennie Lamont Minnifield (Jessika), (Jackson, MS); one daughter, LeChelle Norwood (Chicago, IL); one stepson, Michael J. Cox (Jackie), Terry, MS. Grandchildren: Benjamin Michael (BJ) Minnifield, Briaunna McKenzie Minnifield, and Craig Gillespie. One great-grandchild Paris Gillespie. He also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

MS Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
248 Honor Circle Newton  
Newton, MS 39345

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ben when when I moved to Jackson over 40 years ago. Although I had not seen him for quite a while, I thought of him often. Great Guy!

Deborah M. - December 13, 2021 at 11:35 AM

EH

“ Ethel Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie James Minnifield



Ethel Henderson - December 11, 2021 at 12:10 PM

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*Bennie is gone but never forgotten,a dear friend Thalee*

Thalee Adams - December 03, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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*Our Condolences to the family, Mr.Minnifield was a nice person and he is truly missed,he was a great friend of the Brown and Reed Family, Gone but Neeeeeeeeever Forgotten always in our Hearts. R.I.P* 📿📿📿📿📿

The Brown&Reed Family - August 19, 2025 at 03:26 AM