LANCE TAIT

Lance Marshall Tait, 3, of Vicksburg died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at University Medical Center. Funeral services are today at 11 a.m. at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Bryant and Rev. Ray Woods officiating. Burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery.
Lance was born July 7, 2008 in Jackson to Shon and Kayla Lowery Tait.
Survivors include his paretns, Shon and Kayla Tait of Vicksburg; brother, Keegan Tait; sister, Gracie Tait; paternal grandmother, Connie Tait of Vicksburg; paternal grandfather, Richard Tait of Satartia; maternal grandparents, Lance and Annette Lowery of Holly Bluff; maternat great-grandmother, Irene Sanders of Belzoni and paternal great-grandparents Joyce and Albert Tait of Satartia.
Serving as pallbearers are Allen Geay, Michael Lowery, Bilbo Lowery and Rodney Kirkland.

TOM LOVE

On September 9, 2011, Lyle Thomas (Tom) Love went to be with our Lord.
Tom was born in Danville, West Virginia, and grew up in Atoka, Oklahoma. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City on September 14, 2011 at 11 a.m. Pastor Sam Smith and Reverend George Woodliff will be officiating.
Tom attended Oklahoma Baptist University on a music scholarship and studied under Dean Warren Angell. He was a member of the Bison Glee Club and the Young Republicans. His class also elected him Freshman Senator. He served as Minister of Music/Youth Director in Baptist churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. He was the worship leader from 1972- 1978 at Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas, where John Osteen served as pastor. Subsequent years found him on the mission field in Mexico, the Philippines, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Spain, New Guinea and Japan preaching and teaching, and helping establish churches. He pastored Water of Life Church , Mercedes, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley from 1978 to 1982. His home was a haven for missionaries going into Mexico and coming out of Mexico. There was usually an RV parked at his home located in McAllen, Texas. Later years found him at Mississippi State University in a Master's Degree Program with hopes to join the staff in his department. He taught a campus-wide art elective in the College of Education for eleven years and retired in 2008. He always loved the first day of class getting to know the students. He would ask each one where they were from, why they were at MSU (surprising answers sometimes), what they were studying, and what made them a nice person (this was a hard question for some). Then he would ask them to look around the pottery studio and focus on an object. Randomly he would ask them what they saw. Then he would say, " What I am fixing to tell you will be the most important thing I will say this semester: That object was at one time only an idea in someone's mind" He wanted them to realize they would need to "see something in their mind" and then go through the process for it to become reality. Another concept he encouraged was "just relax into it and enjoy the process." One student took the

advice to heart and came back the next week to say she was applying this to all her classes. That was the joy in teaching to know that he had made a difference in someone's life.
His favorite Starkville restaurant was Harvey's and he always "interviewed" the waiters and waitresses (most of them students at MSU) and encouraged them to make an "everything I ever wanted to be, do or have" list. He wanted them to focus on what they really wanted in life. One of the waitresses came to our table before we left Starkville and told him that he didn't know the impact he had had on the wait staff at Harvey's. Another joy - making a difference in someone's life.
His favorite passage comes from Psalms 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." He shared "I am forgiven, I forgive, and I forgive myself" with many who were troubled or had relationship issues. The real memorial is what Tom left of himself in our hearts.
Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Elsie Love, two sons, Joseph Paul who died on the mission field in Mexico at 3 months and Mark Thomas who went to be with the Lord in 1985. Survivors are his wife Carol Shannon Love, sons Brad and Scot and daughters, Laura, Paula and Chariti. Adored grandchildren Jenna of Kansas City, MO (Brad); Jessie, Levi, Lily, and Grace, and Phoenix of Tulsa, OK (Laura); Kayla and Colton of Bigfork, MT (Paula); Josiah, Sarah, and Hannah of Ashville, NC (Scot and Kari). He also leaves one half-brother Donnie (Terri) of Las Vegas, NV; two half-sisters: Edwinna Steele of New Albin, IO and Peggy Liljegren of Racine, WI.
Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or Trinity Episcopal Church in Yazoo City.