



Obituaries



JOYCE J. WASHINGTON SANDERS

Joyce Jeanette Washington Sanders passed from this earthly life to her Heavenly Father's House on June 13, 2018 in Torrence, California. She was the second of six children.

Joyce was an active member of Galilee United Methodist Church. Joyce's education began in Headstart where she was the Valedictorian of her class. She continued her education in Lexington, Mississippi where she was active throughout High School. Joyce was in the High School marching band and she loved playing the trumpet. She graduated from Lexington Attendance Center receiving her diploma in 1979. Her education continued at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi where she was very active in karate and swimming. She was a member of the renown marching band of Jackson State University, Sonic Boom of the South. Joyce was the ONLY female in her section to play the Mellophone. Joyce received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from JSU in 1983. She completed her internship in Iowa City, Iowa. Joyce left Lexington, Mississippi in the summer of 1987 for a better career opportunity. In December of 1987 God lead her to be a part of the Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church family. She was a Faithful member and the word "NO" was not in her vocabulary when it came to being a servant for the Lord. She was an amazing Sunday School teacher and a dedicated choir member. She had that old southern style of singing and could remember every song she was asked to sing (it was a lot of songs), she was a loyal Deaconess, she helped with the feeding for ESKHM, she was the cook for our church family out-

DENZIL TERRY BIGBEE

Denzil Terry Bigbee, 70 years young, died June 12, 2018 surrounded by his adoring family.

Terry was born in Greenwood, MS on April 25, 1948 to the late Denzil (Butch) Bigbee and Bobbie Lily. He attended Tchula High School and later, Holmes Community College where he became registered as an Emergency Medical Technician. As an EMT, he operated the Star of Life Ambulance Service in Holmes County. Terry served with the United States Army National Guard on two different enlistments. He graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in 1975. He devoted many years to protecting the public as a Police Officer in Lexington, Tchula, Indianola and also served as a Deputy Sheriff for the Holmes County Sher-

iff and she was a huge part of the street ministry. She didn't care how you looked or smelled, it was important for her to let them know that God loves them and there's hope. Joyce was a case manager at Exceptional Children Foundation for over 20 years. She loved working with her students.

Joyce embodied a beautiful spirit, happiness and love. She embodied the love of Jesus and her life exuded her faith in the Lord. Joyce's infectious laughter and beautiful smile revealed a life of Joy the rest of us only hope to attain. Joyce has been a strong, brave and courageous woman whom we all should aspire to pattern.

She is preceded in death by her twin brothers, Willie and Johnnie Washington and grandparents, Willie and Rosie Washington (Lexington, Mississippi).

Joyce leaves to cherish her memories: her true love, sweetheart and husband Louis Edward Sanders; devoted parents, Lee Henry and Sallie Ree Brooks (Lexington, Mississippi); a loving sister Doristeen Washington (Jackson, Mississippi); here loving brothers, Lee Marvin Washington (Lexington, Mississippi) and Maurice Washington (Linda) of Lexington, Mississippi; and a host of nieces, church family, family and friends.

iff's Department. He was certified as a Fire and Arson Investigator and also trained in Narcotics Enforcement by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. Terry retired in 1998 and he continued to be active in his community.

One of the most enjoyable roles Terry has had over the years was that of filming football games for Winona Christian School from 2007-2013. He also was an assistant coach for the girls fast pitch softball team at WCS. Terry loved helping young people and motivating them to do their best. He was a member of the Holmes County Crime Stoppers promoting community involvement in the safety of its citizens. He was also a board member of the West Hill Water Association. Terry was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and a deacon since 2014.

Terry is survived by his wife of twenty nine years, Patience; and children, Monica (Tommy) Thomas of Lexington, Greg (Laura) Bigbee of Lexington, April (Jonathan) McBride of Lexington, Dean Bigbee of Lexington, Chrissy (Justin) Branch of Lexington, and Butch (Angela) Bigbee of Koscuisko; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Terry is also survived by his sisters, Betty Byrd of Lexington, Nadine Marshall of Lexington and Barbara Estes of Bentonla. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington, MS with Reverend Al Different officiating. Pallbearers were Richard Byrd of Lexington, Neil Marshall of Lexington, Doug Estes of Yazoo City, Chris Tharp of Greenville, Scotty Thornton of Carrollton and Sid Shepard of Durant. Honorary pallbearers were Sheriff Willie March and the Holmes County Sheriff's Department.

Memorial donations may be made to the Blair Batson Children's Hospital or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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(Continued from page 1.) the Tchula resident his car keys after Hogan shot and killed Tahiti Banks in 2015. Hogan was convicted and sentenced to life in prison last year. Authorities say

Hogan shot Banks four times, including three times in the head, at a Belzoni barbecue. They say Hogan was a Vice Lords gang member.

At the time, Robinson was a Greenville police officer. He was off duty

and present when Hogan shot Banks.

Robinson was convicted by a Yazoo County jury after the case was transferred from Humphreys County.

He was sentenced Tuesday, July 3 in Belzoni.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TCHULA HIGH SCHOOL The Tchula High School Class of 1972 will hold its class reunion from Saturday, July 7 at Serio's Restaurant in Greenwood at 5:30 p.m. through Sunday, July 8 at St. James C.O.G.I.C. in Cruger at 11 a.m. For more information call 662-219-9108. 6-28;7-5	July 11 at 7 p.m. 6-28;7-5	WEST M.B.C. West M.B. Church in West will host its Women and Men's Day Program on Sunday, July 15 at 3 p.m. The program colors are black and white. 7-5,12
WADE CHAPEL C.M.E. Wade Chapel C.M.E. Church in Durant will hold its annual revival from Monday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. each night. 6-28;7-5	ST. JAMES C.M.B.C. St. James Community M.B. Church will host its annual Youth Revival and Youth Day program along with its Block Party from Wednesday, July 11 through Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 p.m. on Friday. It will end on Sunday, July 15 at 3 p.m. 6-28;7-5	SWEET CANAAN Sweet Canaan C.O.G.I.C. on Sweet Canaan/Bell Bottom Road in Lexington will celebrate its 109th annual Homecoming service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. 7-5
SUNSHINE MINISTRY Sunshine Christian Ministry will host the Women of Wisdom Conference for women from Friday, July 6, at 7 p.m. through Saturday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m. The conference is set at New Beginning Nondenominational Church in Durant. Call to register at 405-651-2981. 6-28;7-5	ABLES REUNION Descendants of Phil and Mamie Ables will have a family reunion on Sunday, July 15 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Coxburg Community Center. 7-5,12	GUIDING LIGHT Revival services will convene at Guiding Light C.O.G.I.C. in Lexington from Wednesday, July 11 through Friday, July 13 at 7:30 each night. 7-5
POPULAR SPRING M.B.C. Popular Spring M.B. Church will host its 152nd Year Anniversary on Sunday, July 8 at 10:45 a.m. 6-28;7-5	BALDWIN CHAPEL Baldwin Chapel M.B. Church in Cruger will hold its Usher Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 15 at 2 p.m. 7-5,12	SWEET HOME M.B.C. Sweet Home M.B.C. will celebrate its 137th Year Church Anniversary/ Homecoming on Sunday, July 15 at 11 a.m. 7-5,12
BEULAH BAPTIST Beulah Baptist Church on Hebron Road in Lexington will have Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Family night will be on Friday, July 13 at 6 p.m. 6-28;7-5	EBENEZER BAPTIST Ebenezer Baptist Church in Lexington will host its 139th Anniversary Homecoming/ Revival on Sunday, July 8 at 11 a.m. through July 11 at 7:00 each night. 7-5	H.C. FORESTRY ASSOC. Join the Holmes County Forestry Association for the meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Holmes County Extension Office (new office building in the Fred's parking lot on Highway 17 South - Lexington). Please call 662-834-2795 before July 9 if you plan to attend. 7-5
WEST GROVE M.B.C. West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will hold its revival services from Monday, July 9 through Wednesday, 39095. Telephone 662-834-1151; Fax 662-834-1074; Email hcherald@gmail.com; Website www.holmescounty-herald.com Matthew Breazeale...Editor Julie Ellison...Gen. Manager SUBSCRIPTION RATES In Holmes County - \$35.00 In Mississippi - \$40.00 Out of State - \$50.00	LEXINGTON LIBRARY G & S Petting Zoo in Guntown, Mississippi will bring their animals to the library at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, as part of the 2018 <i>Libraries Rock!</i> Summer Library Program. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. Weekly programs are geared to children ages 6-12. Children under 9 years of age who attend the programs must be accompanied by a parent/responsible child caregiver and the caregiver must be at least 12 years old or older. For further program information, please call the library at 662-834-2571. 7-5	RICE CHAPEL CME Rice Chapel CME Church in Durant will hold its Summer Revival from Monday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 nightly. 7-5
		BETHLEHEM M.B.C. Bethlehem M.B. Church in Goodman will host its Annual Summer Revival from Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13, at 7:30 each night. 7-5

