

Obituaries



Retirement or debt?
Dear Dave,
Do you think I should lower the amount I'm contributing to my 401(k) so I can pay off my house and my truck?
Jaime

Dear Jaime,
If you're following my plan, the first thing you should do is set aside a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. That's Baby Step 1. Next comes Baby Step 2, which means paying off all your debt except for your house. This would include your car. During this time, you should temporarily stop any kind of investing and retirement contributions
Once your mortgage is the only debt you have left, it's on to Baby Step 3. This means you start saving money and growing your beginner emergency fund into a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. When that's done, you can attack Baby Step 4—investing 15 percent of your pre-tax income for retirement. In your case, that would mean re-starting the contributions to your 401(k).

The key is serving
Dear Dave,
I just accepted my first job in sales. In your mind, what is the key to becoming an excellent salesperson?
Bobbie

Dear Bobbie,
The key to becoming a great salesperson can be summed up in one simple word—serving. I'm not talking about being subservient. I'm talking about always giving 110 percent towards ensuring customers and potential customers are served well. It's all about being proactive.

Serving means you believe in what you represent, and you're excited about what you have to offer. It means you're determined to give people a great experience. If an issue happens to arise, you'll take care of it quickly and completely. You'll do this in a way that will make them forget it ever happened.

Really, serving is an attitude. You can pressure people if you want, but that's going to lead to a dull and frustrating life of one-shot deals. But if you serve people well, you'll have clients for life and they'll send their friends and associates your way.

Make helping people your first order of business, Bobbie. If you do that, you'll never have to worry about money!
—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

TOMMY "JAKE" GANTT
Daddy sadly passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 80 years old.

After attending Lexington High School, he proudly served in the US Army spending time in Japan and England retiring as an E6 Staff Sergeant. He later served several years with the State Guard.

Tommy leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Jerry, son Aaron (Melinda) and his girls, Beth (Curt), Donna (Wallace) and Pamela. He took extreme pride in his grandchildren, Chace (Myranda), TD, Clay and Zak. Also he leaves behind his special pen pal, Danyelle Kellum and Lisa "Pearl" Kimbrough who never failed to supply him with peppermint and a sister in law, Nell Gantt. He loved his pets, Baby and Skippy and they always brought joy to him when they visited the nursing home. Preceding him in death were his parents, Aaron and Lela Gantt, Doyle Gantt (brother) and Nora Devine (sister).

Visitation was held Monday, November 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. all at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington, MS. Burial followed at Hebron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

HENRY P. RUSSELL
Henry P. Russell, age 85, of Kosciusko, MS passed suddenly but peacefully at home on October 31, 2018. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Southern Funeral Home in Durant with burial in North Union Cemetery in West, MS. He will be greatly missed by Marcia Stone Russell, his loving and devoted wife, and his children, Henry Ellis Russell (Patty) of Newberry, South Carolina, Elizabeth Russell of Gretna, Nebraska, Morris Hunter Russell (Lori) of Springfield, Nebraska and Wendell David Russell of Omaha, Nebraska and extended family including Rick Dean (Peggy) of Brandon, Bruce Dean (Lynn) of Tupelo, Jeff Dean (Sherry) of West and Jon Dean of Kosciusko.

He was born in Birmingham,

MICHAEL GLENN PATTON

Michael Glenn Patton, 62, passed away on October 29, 2018 in Oxford, Mississippi after a long battle with cancer. A graveside service was held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Concord Church Cemetery in Pickens, MS.

Hebron Cemetery, Post Office Box 723, Lexington, MS 39095.

ham, Alabama on July 20, 1933 to Houston M. Russell and Ruby Thompson Russell. He grew up in Hazlehurst, Mississippi and entered the United States Air Force at age nineteen. He spent the next twenty eight years serving his country and raising his family with his wife Gloria Ellis Russell who predeceased him in 2000. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1981. He was predeceased in life by his parents, his wife, and his brother, Houston Russell. He is survived by his wife Marci, his children and brothers, Harold E. Russell (Judy) of Brookhaven, Mississippi, Joe F. Russell (Liz) of Centreville, Mississippi and Alvin C. Russell (Anne) of Fayetteville, Georgia and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many friends including Dave Klahn of Omaha, Nebraska and Aleatha and Johnny Pritchard of Durant, Mississippi. He will be sorely missed by all.

PLEASANT GROVE
Pleasant Grove M.B. Church #2 will celebrate its Annual Women's Day program on Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m.
11-1,8

GOOD HOPE M.B.C.
Good Hope M.B. Church of Mileston will celebrate 158 years of Christian service on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m.
11-1,8

LEX. X-MAS PARADE
The city of Lexington will host its annual Christmas parade on Thursday, November 29, 6 p.m. at the Lexington Court Square. Line-up begins at 4:30 p.m., Highway 12 east/ Highway 17 south bypass to South Vine. Judging before the parade begins at 5:15 p.m. The grand marshal is Jerryl Briggs, Sr., president of Mississippi Valley State University.
11-1,8

CENTRAL HOLMES
Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington will host its annual Veteran's Day Program on Thursday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. All veterans are invited and encouraged to attend by calling

the school at 662-834-3011 to reserve your seat.
11-1,8

ROCK OF AGES
The Rock of Ages Church of God in Christ in Tchula will celebrate its Pastor and Wife Appreciation on Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m.
11-8,15

SEC. PILGRIM REST
Second Pilgrim Rest Church will hold its annual Men and Women Day Program on Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m.
11-8,15

MACEDONIA M.B.C.
Macedonia M.B. Church in Lexington will celebrate its 146th Year Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 18 at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served.
11-8,15

ROSE HILL DISTRICT
Rose Hill District Association in Lexington will host its annual one day session at Gordon Chapel M.B. Church on Monday, November 19 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
11-8,15

BETHLEHEM M.B.C.
Bethlehem M.B. Church in Goodman will host its Family and Friends Day Sunday, November 18 at 11 a.m.
11-8,15

HORSESHOE BAPTIST
Horseshoe Baptist Church in Tchula will hold their annual homecoming services on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow.
11-8

ST. JAMES TEMPLE
St. James Temple of Deliverance C.O.G.I.C. in Cruger will host its Hat's Show on Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m.
11-8,15

DURANT LIBRARY
Friends of the Durant Library are accepting donated items to be used in its White Elephant sale, both new and used household items. The date of the sale will be announced at a later time. Proceeds will be used to help with repairs from April 2017 storm damage.
11-8,15

OPEN HOUSE
The Holmes County Chamber of Commerce's Lexington

ton Holiday Open House will be on Sunday, November 18 on the Court Square from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Doors prizes will be given away at participating merchants.
11-8,15

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