



Obituaries



HENRY CHRISTMAS WATERER

Henry Christmas Waterer, Jr. was born on May 27, 1931 and went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 22, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Jane Patton Waterer and his parents, Henry C. Waterer, Sr. and Lucille Beevers Waterer. He is survived by his two sons and their wives (and who were his loving daughters): Henry Christmas Waterer, III and wife, Rebecca Rieves Waterer, and Ronald Patton Waterer and wife, Edie Walker Waterer. He had seven grandchildren (Mareidith, Joy Kate, Hank, Madelyn, Johnson, Thomas, and Jared) and eight great grandchildren. Henry is also survived by his three siblings: Mary Waterer Curtis, Lela Ann Waterer Neal, and Willie Frank Waterer. He was also blessed to have had a sweet and loving relationship with Penny Frazer of Clarksdale, for his last eighteen years. She was a dear companion, loving friend, and was significant in so many ways in his life.

and devoted husband and father throughout his life.

Henry was very active in his church and served as Sunday School superintendent at the Tchula United Methodist Church, where he also taught Sunday School and sang in the choir for many years after his return from military service. Later in life, Henry was quite active in the Lexington United Methodist Church where he continued to teach Sunday School and sing in the choir until his declining health would no longer allow him to serve in those capacities. He served as a Lay Minister and was involved with the Gideons organization for many years. He was also involved in the Tchula Lions Club, the Greenwood American Legion Post 29, served as a board member at Cruger-Tchula Academy for many years, Commissioner with the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board for 28 years, Delta Electric Co-op in Greenwood, MS, and Cooperative Energy in Hattiesburg, MS (where he served as President of both for many years). Henry was an active volunteer with the local Boy Scouts of America troop 70 in Tchula where he encouraged both of his sons to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. While volunteering there, one of his favorite roles was as an instructor in the Hunter Safety Course that was taught to young people each year.

Besides his love and devotion to his family, Henry loved to read and explore a wide range of subjects, but military history, flying, and shooting sports were his real passions. Henry also became a member of MENSA at the age of 61 and continued to stretch his mind and challenge himself scholastically throughout his life. He was an active pilot and kept a current pilot's license and flew his Cessna 172 until he was 85 years old. He was always looking for an excuse to go flying and loved introducing others to his joy and love of flying. Henry's knowledge of firearms and ballistics was quite impressive. He loved the technical conversations about anything to do with guns and loved sharing his knowledge and expertise with those who

wanted to learn about the different choices to achieve a particular task.

There are no adequate words to fully summarize our dad's life and the wonderful example of a loving, devoted, and encouraging husband and father he was. His Christian faith was the bedrock foundation of who he was in this life. It was his strong faith that sustained him and his family during his final days as he continued to "fight the good fight" until he crossed through the veil and joined Jesus and the other preceding saints. His faith was evident in the way his sons were raised and taught, not only as children, but by his continuing influence and guidance of us into adulthood. Later in life, he was a very active grandfather and had an endearing relationship with his grandchildren whom he deeply cherished. The opportunity to see and hold many of his great grandchildren was a comfort and a blessing in his final years which brought a very special smile to his face and imprinted some of his sweetest memories in his final days.

Henry Christmas Waterer, Jr. was so many things to so many people and was such a wonderful influence upon those who knew him. To his family, as well as the friends who knew him well, he was often referred to as "the ultimate Southern gentleman." But what we will always remember, cherish, and miss, until we see him again with Jesus, is our wonderful, caring, encouraging, and loving Daddy.

Honorary pallbearers are: Steve Flemming, Crawford Logan, Ricky Davidson, Jack Bridgers, David O'Bryan, and Tom Kilpatrick.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in his honor to: First United Methodist Church of Lexington, 108 Tchula Street, Lexington, MS 39095; the Pinecrest Cemetery, in care of Bruce Edwards, PO Box 417, Tchula, MS 39169; or Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi, 805 North Flag Chapel Road, Jackson, MS 39209; or American Legion Post 29, 618 North Aubrey Circle, Greenwood, MS 38930.

Due to the corona virus pandemic, we will be postponing the memorial service and celebration of Henry Waterer's life until a date that is in accordance with state recommendations. Details will be forthcoming when appropriate.

Wilson and Knight Funeral Home is in charge. Online guest book may be signed at www.wilsonandknight.com

DORIS JUNE JONES

Doris June Jones, age 79 of Lexington, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 20, 2020. She was born to the late OB and Jaudine McDaniel on June 25, 1940. She was preceded in death by husband, Ollie Jones; sister, Mary Katherine Gelston; and granddaughter, Karen Osborne.

Doris was a loving mother with many passions and lived life to the fullest. She loved spending time with her family and friends along with working with her extended family at Lexington Farm Supply. She enjoyed 10 years at Holmes Community College as Dorm Mother. Doris looked forward to Sunday church services at Pleasant Ridge.

She had a special affinity with horses. Her horses and animals were her world. She loved watching old Westerns and was a dedicated Sunday football fan.

Survivors include her three children, Robert Wayne Carnathan (Susan Cotton) of Durant, MS, Robin Pickle (David) of Durant, MS and Roxanne Curtis (John) of Arcadia, LA; eight grandchildren, Kelly, Daniel, Kaylon, Colby, Brittany, Wade, Jessie and Jodie; 15 great grandchildren; and a number of other loving relatives, close friends and pets which included four horses, two dogs, and a cat.

Pallbearers included James Self, Greg Bermond, Andrew Gilmore, Trey Ferrell,

Rufus Waddell and Davis Hocutt. Honorary pallbearers included Shane Tucker, Buddy Hathcock, Robert Hammett, Lynn Stonestreet, David Dillon, James C. Killebrew, Larry Killebrew, Bailey Britt, Mark Sugget, Dr. Kenneth Quick, Dr. Andy Baine and Bob Alexander.

A funeral service celebrating her life was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at Old Wheeling Cemetery, 500 Old Wheeling Road, West, MS. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mizpah Cemetery in Durant, MS, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church or Old Wheeling Cemetery. The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and emotional support.

MARVIN EARL DIXON

Mr. Marvin Earl Dixon, 90, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020, at his home in Senatobia, MS.

Mr. Dixon was born in Grenada, MS on November 15, 1929 to the late Zettie Hubbard Dixon and William Arthur Dixon. He was a retired grocery manager and meat cutter for T&T Grocery in Lexington, MS. Mr. Dixon enjoyed hunting and fishing and spent his spare time practicing woodcarving and metal detection. He was a member of Emanuel Baptist Church.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving family

which includes his wife of nearly 71 years, Nell Dixon; one daughter, Donna Jacks (Jim), of Senatobia, MS; one son, Randy Dixon (Deborah) of Hernando, MS; two grandchildren, James F. Jacks, III, of Jackson and Lydia Jacks Elam (Jamie) of Senatobia; seven great-grandchildren, Jayson and Jeff Jacks, of Greenwood, Randi and Jake Elam of Senatobia, Kaitlyn Alford, Paige, and Emily Jacks of Brandon; one brother, James Arthur Dixon (JoAnn), of Clinton, MS; one sister, Frances Austin (Jimmy), of Grenada and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death

by his parents, two brothers, Charles Edward and Roy Lee "R.L." Dixon, niece, Lisa Dixon Hood, nephew, Jeff Austin. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles Edward and Roy Lee "R.L." Dixon, niece, Lisa Dixon Hood, nephew, Jeff Austin.

The family would like to thank Spring Valley Hospice of Olive Branch, for their care during the past months and are grateful for their devoted service.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Ray-Nowell Funeral Home.

State supreme court issues emergency order on pre-trial detainees

Press Release

The Mississippi Supreme Court on April 23 entered Emergency Administrative Order 8 regarding judicial review of conditions of release of pre-trial detainees.

The order can be read at: https://courts.ms.gov/appellatecourts/docket/send-PDF.php?f=700_495286.pdf&c=91465&a=N&s=2.

The Supreme Court denied temporary modification of Rule 8.5(c) of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure, which had been requested by the State Public Defender.

Chief Justice Michael Randolph, writing for the Court, said in the April 23 order:

"After due consideration, the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, find that this motion should be denied.

Nonetheless, in light of the dangers created by Coronavirus (COVID-19) within

the unique context of detention centers, the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, find that the following action is warranted in all districts and counties which have not conducted a review of conditions of release of all pre-trial detainees within the past thirty (30) days:

(A) Within seven (7) days of the entry of this Order, the official(s) having custody of pre-trial detainees shall provide the senior circuit judge, the district attorney, the clerk of the circuit court, and the local senior public defender the names of all pre-trial detainees in their custody, the charge(s) upon which they are being held, and the date they were most recently taken into custody.

(B) Within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order, the senior circuit judge, or such other judge as the senior circuit judge designates, shall review the con-

ELLIS ABLES

Ellis Eugene Ables, 93, of Winona, MS, formerly of Goodman, MS passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 at the Vaiden Community Living Center. Southern Funeral Home of Lexington, MS handled the arrangements.

ditions of release for every pre-trial detainee who is eligible for bail. The real or potential impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within an individual detention center may be a consideration when reviewing such conditions of release."

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