

# Obituaries



Killebrew Merchant & Paul of Sidon, James Thad and Kelly Montone Killebrew of Lexington, John Travis and Joyce Spencer Killebrew of Lexington, and Carrie Rose Cheatham and Swayze of Yazoo City. James especially loved his four grandchildren: James Benjamin Killebrew and Olivia of Eden, Jacob Vincent Killebrew and Meri Stewart of Belzoni, Gabrielle Nicole Merchant-Boutwell and Trent of Satartia, and Nora Katherine Cheatham. He also had two wonderful great-grandchildren John Wyatt Killebrew and Jacob Wilson Killebrew. James had four siblings: Mary Ann Diffe (Choyce), Peggy Leflore, Larry Killebrew (Mary), and Jan Pullen (Ricky). James had many friends and co-workers over the years but one of the many was someone who lived on the farm and his children grew up knowing and considered family was Tommy Burns. Mr. Killebrew was an as-

piring businessman, farmer and writer by hobby. He began farming cattle as a child with his father in Coxburg. He then moved on to farming cotton at the age of 14 growing cotton and winning an award in FFA. He helped to grow his surrounding communities by starting many businesses. He saw a need for a feed store in Lexington, and in 1982 he opened Central Mississippi Farm Supply. This was later sold and was renamed Lexington Farm Supply. In 1985, he began Delta Fertilizer & Lime Company. In 1993, it was sold and is now Sanders in Tchula. In 2002, there was a need met for selling and transporting cotton seed, so Tchula Company was started. With the help of others, it was run until 2006 when it was sold. All the while when James was running these businesses, he continued to run the Holmes Bonded Gin & Warehouse as president since September 1985 until his death. He also continued to run a small cotton farming operation and worked his cattle.

He received many awards for serving his community. These included: Farmer of the Year 1994-1995, Ginner of the Year 2011, ASCS Committee 1981-1990, school board Cruger Tchula Academy 1980-1981, school board Central Holmes Christian School several years, Delta Council, President of Southern Ginners Association 2003-2004, Country Club Board, Buyer for champion animals in the Dixie National, President of the Farm Bureau.

Services for James Edward Killebrew were held Monday, August 10, 2020. There was a drive through

## Work search requirement back in effect after temporary waiver

### Press Release

On Thursday, August 6, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) announced the Work Search temporary waiver under the Executive Order No. 1510 expired August 08, 2020.

All individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits will be required to meet the work search requirements established in Miss. Code Ann. §71-5-51 l(a)(i) and MDES Regulation 305.02 beginning August 9, 2020, for the week ending August 15, 2020.

An individual must make visitation at Oregon Memorial Church and a graveside service was held at Coxburg Methodist. Pall Bearers were his beloved nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: St. Jude Hospital; Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital; Coxburg Cemetery Fund.

### WILLIAM "ELMER" KEITH

William "Elmer" Keith went home to be with his Lord on Friday, August 7, 2020. He was born September 11, 1944 in Durant, Mississippi and was a lifelong resident of Holmes County. He graduated Durant High School and attended Holmes Junior College. He was also an active member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church (Lexington, MS).

He was preceded in death by his mom Clara Leona Keith and dad William Whitman "Dutch" Keith; his sister Margarite King and his brother Morris Glen Keith.

He is survived by his wife Linda K. Farmer Keith; his son Marty Keith (Vanessa) of Memphis, TN; daughter Michele Holder (Donnie) of Lexington, MS. He loved talking about his grandkids, Brantley Holder, Maya Keith, Whitman Keith, Steven Thomas Holder and Kasey Killebrew; and great-granddaughter Rylie Claire).

His love also extended to many other special friends - who were family to him. Cheryl and Lance Thornhill, Brian Woods, Clark Woods, Debbie Cockroft and especially the past and present members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Pall bearers were Lance Thornhill, Brian Woods, Mark Seymour, Justin Word, Robert Wayne Carnathan and Bubba Malone. Honorary pall bearers were Men of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

John 14:6 - Jesus said unto him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Services were officiated by Rev. Wayne Hudson and Rev. Trae Earnhart.

an active search for full-time work in order to receive unemployment insurance benefits. Self-employed individuals and individuals who receive 1099s who are filing for benefits must also meet the work search requirements to remain eligible.

Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) defines "actively seeking work" as follows:

- You MUST be registered for work with MDES Employment Services (Mississippi Works).
- You MUST contact three (3) employers each week to apply for full time work (35 hours or more).

An actual application must be completed with at least one of the three employer contacts. An application is defined as any completed application or resume submitted to an employer for suitable work, either in person, via mail, or via electronic communication. Resume is honored as an 'application' by MDES if that is the acceptable mode for applying with that employer. The work applied for MUST be appropriate in light of the labor market and your skills and capabilities.

Work Search information is collected during the Weekly Certification process. All work search information is subject to verification with the employer. It is important that you input all of the in-



**HOPEWELL M.B.C.**  
Hopewell M.B. Church will host a LOVE PARADE/22nd Year Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, August 16, at 3 p.m. Line-up is at 2:45 p.m. at Sequoia's in Durant (Next to Roby Dental Clinic). The parade will travel to Lee Street in Durant. For more information call 662-289-5747 or 662-739-7720.  
8-6,13

**ADDICTION HELP**  
Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get your loved one help if they are at risk. Call today for free screenings or referrals at 1-800-431-1754.  
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**WEST GROVE M.B.C.**  
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, August 23 at 11 a.m.  
8-13,20

formation correctly. If the work search information is input incorrectly, you may be denied unemployment benefits for that week.

Failure to look for, apply for, or accept suitable work will result in a denial of benefits.

A link to this information can be found at [mdes.ms.gov/worksearch](https://mdes.ms.gov/worksearch).

## Four special judges appointed to state courts

### Press Release

Four special judges have been appointed in Mississippi to handle a backlog of cases caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Mike Randolph said the judges will help out at the Hinds Chancery Court and Hinds County Court, both in Jackson.

Randolph said more special judges are expected to be appointed to temporarily assist judges in districts statewide. It is estimated that as many as 30,000 cases have been postponed as a result of COVID-19, he said.

Retired Hinds County Chancery Judges Patricia D. Wise of Jackson and William H. Singletary of Clinton were appointed to assist the four chancellors of the Hinds Chancery Court. Jurist in Residence John N. Hudson of Natchez will help recently appointed Hinds County Court Judge Carolyn M. Hicks in Youth Court and former Hinds County Court Judge James D. Bell of Jackson was appointed to assist Hinds County Court Judge LaRita Cooper-Stokes.

Special judges will be paid with \$2.5 million in funds provided by the CARES Act and are available through Dec. 30.

### JAMES EDWARD KILLEBREW

James Edward Killebrew born November 20th, 1942 to the late James Wilson Killebrew and Nora Laurie Stricklin Killebrew. Died August 8th, 2020 from an injury on his cattle farm.

James Edward or Kill-dee as he was known to his friends since high school, was a proud and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and brother-in-law. His wife of fifty-eight years, Peggy Jo White Killebrew loved him and cared for him well. He had four children Tamara Jo

**NOTICE:**  
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