



Obituaries



JOHN MICHAEL GILMORE

John Michael Gilmore, 52, died August 12, 2020, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Military grave side services were held Sunday, August 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Hebron Road, Lexington, MS.

John was born January 12, 1968, to Billy Joe and Leebeth Frost Gilmore.

Survivors are his wife of 25 years, Wendy Rhyne Gilmore, and daughters, Selena Rose Gilmore and Kelsey Kelton Gilmore, all of Lexington, MS; his mother Leebeth Frost Gilmore of Lexington; sisters, Laura Gilmore Lawson of Lexington, and Kathy Gilmore Killgore (Tom) of Canon City, CO; and brother William Gilmore (Shelly) of Satartia, MS; and his mother-in-law Diane Eubanks of Clinton, MS. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Billy Joe Gilmore.

John graduated from Central Holmes Academy in 1986. He was in the Mississippi Army National Guard from December 1987 to December 1993. He was part of the Battery C 2-114 Field Artillery Fire Direction Section and Cannoneer. His unit was mobilized during Operation Desert Shield and Desert

Storm with the United States Army from December 1990 to May 1991. They were released from Camp Shelby in May 1991. He studied law at Mississippi College School of Law in Clinton, MS and received his Juris Doctorate in 1995.

He became a solo practitioner at John M. Gilmore, Attorney at Law, in January 1996 and practiced there until his death.

He was a D.U.I. Public Defender for the city of Durant from January 1996 to June 2004 and City Attorney for the city of Durant from July 2004 until his death.

He was a court appointed Guardian ad Litem starting in July 1996 for the Chancery Courts of Attala, Holmes, Claiborne, Madison, Oktibbeha and Yazoo. He took this job as attorney for children very seriously and cared for them.

He was appointed Special Master Lunacy Judge for Holmes County in June 2000 and was assistant youth court prosecutor for the Holmes County Chancery Court Youth Court Division from 2001 to 2004.

He was an alternate Youth Court referee for the Holmes County Chancery Court - Youth Court Division from November 2004 to December 2006, a Youth Court Prosecutor from January 2007 to December 2014, and a Youth Court Judge for Holmes County from January

2015 until his death.

John became a deacon at Beulah Baptist Church of Holmes County in 2007. He became a committee leader for Young Life of Lexington in 2015.

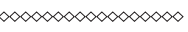
John was instrumental in making sure the National Day of Prayer was observed on the courthouse lawn each May.

Pallbearers were Shawn Gilmore, Joey Lawson, Mark Moore, David Watson, Bob Martin, Leslie Burden, and George Matthews.

Honorary pallbearers were the remaining members of The Six Pack from the Central Holmes Class of 1986: Chris Woo, Glen Lawson, Scott Self, Philip Woo, and Mark Moore.

Memorials may be made to the Beulah Baptist Church of Holmes County Cemetery Fund, PO Box 629, Lexington MS 39095, or your favorite charity.

The burial services were provided by Southern Funeral Home of Lexington.



PAT OWEN

Pat Owen, 74, from Vicksburg, Mississippi, went to be with her heavenly Father on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the Beehive Homes in Starkville, MS. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020, at the Parkway Cemetery in Kosciusko, MS. Reverend Phillip Palmertree officiated and Jordan Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. She was born on July 30, 1946, in New Orleans, La. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Claude Aden Jackson of Kosciusko, MS, and her brother in law, Mac Wigley, of Lexington, MS.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. Sean Owen (Emily) of Starkville, MS, and Scott



I don't how many times I have crossed a ridge thinking I was some place that I wasn't. I don't how many times I have crested a hill thinking I'll be able to see something I didn't. I don't know how many times I have rounded a bend to discover an additional path to the place I was going. I recognize this truth weekly. One of my hobbies is cycling. I've been riding for several years, and sometimes the places I ride are difficult. As a result, I'm always looking around the corner thinking I have reached a certain marker that will give me hope that I've almost reached my destination. You may say I'm too unfamiliar with the road, but I'm not. I'm just not always paying attention. Just this morning, I rounded a curve, thinking I had an additional distance to travel. But I was pleasantly surprised that I was closer

Patrick Owen of Midland, Texas, and grandchildren, Jackson Owen, Caroline Reed, and Cathleen Owen. She is also survived by three sisters, Margaret Aden Thornton (Doug) of Kosciusko, MS, Stirling J. Steen (Sid) of Ethel, MS, and Myra J. Wigley of Lexington, MS, and multiple nieces and nephews.

Pat graduated from Kosciusko High School in 1964 and attended UMMC in Jackson, MS, graduating with her B.S. Degree in Nursing. She spent most of her nursing career in Vicksburg, MS. She was very much influenced by her father, with his love for people instilled in her at an early age. Her nursing career spanned 41 years. Pat earned the respect of her colleagues, both nurses and physicians, and her patients loved her dearly.

Pat loved her family deeply, and enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play sports. She also had a special place in her heart for animals, evidenced by the many dogs she cared for over the years. Her greatest love was her love for the Lord, her Savior. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg, MS.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. For online condolences please visit www.jordanfuneralhome.com Memorials may be sent to French Camp Academy or the charity of your choice.

than I had thought. Most of the time, this is not the case. Most of the time, I find there's another hill, another ridge, or another path. And I sigh.

Many of you can already identify with my plight. You, however, may be experiencing these events in a more meaningful place. You are hoping the present hill you are climbing is the last one. You are praying the end of the painful journey you have been on is just over the next ridge. You are anticipating

this bend to be the last one. You are hoping the light at the end of the tunnel is actually a light- and an end. You are tired of the fight. I feel for you. And I'm sorry you are going through this dark time. But let me ask you to keep climbing. Keep putting one foot in front of the other, even though you are not sure where the path is leading. Keep moving and keep trusting - even though you are confused. Remember, your understanding of the problem or its solution is not a prerequisite for a good ending. Your trust is all that's needed. And even that is only needed in a small supply. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." ~Solomon

I'd love to speak at your next men's conference. gary@outdoortruths.org

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Joey and Jackie Hill spent time during the weekend with daughter Jodi, husband Derek May and family in the French Camp area where he will be pastoring a church. We are thankful to have them closer to home and pray for their fellowship there.

We are thankful Rev. and Mrs. Lyn Nations are returning to First Baptist Church as pastor. He has been pastor of a church in Lexington. Prayers and best wishes go to Brother and Mrs. Ed McDaniel. We love and appreciate them a lot and pray

they will remain well; and come back if and when they can. May God bless and keep them safe and well.

Jay Higginbotham, of Clinton, is spending time with his grandmother, which is yours truly.

Prayers are for those who are suffering from the virus. Thankfully, my family is well. Pray for all who are now sick that they will be feeling much better very soon.

Last Tuesday, Joey Hill drove Mark Underwood to Jackson for a doctor's appointment. He hasn't been feeling well for a while.

I spent last week in Jackson with my sister, Bessie Easterling and husband Earnie, who isn't well, and daughter Shirley Higginbotham and family in Clinton. I got a sweet and new house dog while there.



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

FARM BILL INFO
The Community Students Learning Center Farm Bill Information Outreach project will host a Zoom meeting on "COVID-19's Impact on Agriculture: What Farmers Need to Know!" on Thursday, August 20, at 10 a.m. The online meeting can be accessed at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/postattendee?id=2>
The meeting ID needed is: 830 4884 9557 or for farmers who do not have video access to Zoom, they may call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID followed by #. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83048849557>
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