



# Obituaries



# Lexington Mason receives award for 60 years of service



**SARA BARRETT HARVEY ROBERTS**

Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts of Ridgeland, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020, surrounded by family. Sara was born on March 31, 1978. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Roberts, and her beautiful daughter, Margaret Montgomery, age 8. She is the daughter of Sally Barrett Williamson (deceased) and Rusty Williamson of Lexington and Bill Harvey (Amanda) of Madison. Sara is survived by her brother, James Caden, stepbrother, Jacob Williamson (Ashley), stepsister, Ashley Huggins (Mike), and stepbrother, Chad Mullen (Owen). Sara cherished her many cousins

and was happiest when all were gathered together.

Sara was raised in Holmes County. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and her Juris Doctorate from The University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, Sara was an active member of Chi Omega Fraternity where she made life-long friends.

For over sixteen years, Sara was a special assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Human Services. Sara loved her work helping children.

Sara lived her Christian faith by being kind and loving, and her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. Sara was an active member of Galloway United Methodist Church where she attended and participated in the Christian Fellowship Sunday school class. Sara loved the discussions and friendships she developed in this multi-generational class. Sara and her life-long friend, Alyssa Ellis Killebrew, were admirers of Fr. Richard Rohr. Sara found

great comfort in his writing. "We suffer to get well. We surrender to win. We die to live. We give it away to keep it."

Pallbearers were her beloved cousins Patrick Barrett, Jonathan Barrett, Richard Barrett, Charles Barrett, and John Oliver McGill.

A private family funeral was held on Monday, September 21, at 11 a.m. at Galloway with a live stream for friends and colleagues.

Direct link to livestream: <<https://livestream.com/gallowayumc/saraharveyroberts>>

The link may also be found on the church link on our website - [www.gallowayumc.org](http://www.gallowayumc.org) <<http://www.gallowayumc.org>>.

Burial took place immediately following the service at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lexington.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Margaret's school, Saint Anthony Catholic School, 1585 Mannsdale Road, Madison, MS, 39110 or <<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stanthonymemorial>>.



Lexington resident Phil Cohen (pictured center) received an award for 60 years of service from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi. Cohen was awarded on Monday, September 14, at the Lexington lodge. Cohen is a member of Lexington Masonic Lodge # 24. Presenting the award is Gerald Barton (pictured left), district deputy and Terry Nowel. (Photo by Bubber Carnathan)

# Canton Flea Market to happen after mayor's veto is snubbed

**Associated Press**  
A central Mississippi flea market is scheduled to happen next month, despite a mayor's attempt to stop it because of COVID-19 safety concerns.

The Canton Board of Aldermen voted Monday unanimously to overturn Mayor William Truly's veto of the Canton Flea Market, WLBT-TV reported.

twice a year on the town square in Canton, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of Jackson.

Officials canceled the one in May because of the pandemic. The next one is Oct. 8.

The flea market typically attracts thousands of shoppers to the small town. Although the event is outside, it's common to see people crowded close together.

Aldermen say they are working on a safety plan that includes requiring all vendors and shoppers to wear masks.

They are asking all vendors to have hand sanitizer at each booth, and there are plans for hand-washing stations throughout the square.

The event is usually held

spaces are sanitized and thoroughly cleaned throughout the day. Staff are on-site to ensure that social distancing guidelines are maintained. A limited number of visitors are allowed inside the museums at one time.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at: [www.tickets.mdah.ms.gov](http://www.tickets.mdah.ms.gov). The maximum number of people per group is twenty.

The museums are located at 222 North Street in Jackson. For more information email [info@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:info@mdah.ms.gov).

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## CANCER WALK

The City of Lexington Annual Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m. The walk will be hosted at Lexington City Hall on Spring Street. A balloon release will follow the walk. Wear your T-shirt that represents your family. Social distancing and masks are required.

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## WEST GROVE M.B.C

West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its 135th Year Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 27, at 11 a.m.

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## CENTRAL HOLMES

Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington will host its annual fall festival on Thursday, October 8, at 5 p.m. Catfish plates will be for sale 5-7 p.m. There will also be bingo, a frozen food booth, games and more.

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## HISTORY MUSEUMS

Effective Thursday, October 1, the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum will add new Sunday hours to its regular hours of operation. In addition, all Sundays will be free days at the museums from noon to 4 p.m. Safety precautions at the museums include requiring all visitors to wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines. Masks are available on-site. All public

ferent committees at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He was a true servant of the Lord and always willing to help others.

The older Tommy got the more he liked to talk. It didn't matter what it was about, he just loved conversing and spending time with others. He enjoyed delivering propane to his customers, helping others, writing the date on everything, spending time with his seven grandchildren, and giving them all nicknames, eating good food, did we mention talking, he didn't like snakes, but he loved Jesus and Elvis.

Tommy is proceeded in death by his fathers, George Martin and Jimmy Mitchell. Tommy leaves to cherish his

loving memory, his wife Diane Mitchell; mother Janet Martin; sister Marie Thomas (Jimmie Dale); three children, Dee Word (Justin), Dana Hammons (Chad) and Tommy Mitchell, Jr.; seven grandchildren, Lilly Claire Word "Goob", Bennett Word "Bad'un", Haley Hammons "Worm", Emma Kate Word "Hurricane", Easton Hammons "Fred", Mitchell Word "Varmint", and Ollie Maye Mitchell "Fruit Head", all knew him as Pap except for one who insisted he was Pop, and nieces and nephews who knew him as Uncle Toes.

A graveside service was held at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

wife of 54 years Charleen Ables Ashley; his daughter Beth Ashley; his son Daniel and Krystal Ashley; his granddaughters, Heather Ashley and Skylar Ashley; along with a family of close loving friends who will feel his loss terribly.

Tommy could always be

found with a smile on his face, especially when talking about his favorite things: family/friends, hunting, and fishing. He was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Durant, MS. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard for over 20 years before retiring. He worked as a welder at Hunter Engineering where he retired in 2006. He was a member of Emory Hunting Club and Attala Bass Masters.

A family celebration of his life was held at First United Methodist Church on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. and was followed by a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Mizpah Cemetery.

## THOMAS DANIEL MITCHELL

Thomas Daniel Mitchell, better known as Tommy Mitchell, 60 years of age, passed away on Monday morning September 14, 2020, at UMMC Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Tommy was born July 19, 1960, in Lexington, MS, to Janet Swinney Martin and the late Jimmy Mitchell. He was the oldest of two children. Tommy was educated at Central Holmes Academy in Lexington, MS.

Tommy married Diane Massey in 1980 and three wonderful children were born from this union.

Tommy made a profession of faith in Christ in 1987. He served as a deacon for many years and was on many dif-

## THOMAS DANIEL ASHLEY, JR.

Thomas Daniel Ashley, Jr., "Tommy", passed away on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the age of 75. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Helen Ashley.

Tommy is survived by his

