

Obituaries

WILLIAM ALBERT BROCK, SR.

William Albert Brock, Sr., 85, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. surrounded by his family. Bill, who was also called Billy or BB by family and friends, was born on May 29, 1936, to William Daniel and Eloise Mason Brock of West, Mississippi.

After graduating High School, Bill attended Holmes Community College for two years and then moved on to Mississippi State University (MSU) to complete his Bachelor's Degree and ultimately obtained a Master of Science Degree in Agronomy. While in college, he served four years in the Mississippi Army National Guard. Bill worked almost all of his professional career with MSU's Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) system, beginning his work on the experiment station in Poplarville, Mississippi, and then working for over 20 years overseeing the experiment station in Newton as the Superintendent. He completed his career after over 30 years of service as an Interim Director for multiple MAFES facilities in central Mississippi, working at the experiment station in Raymond. Bill was always known for his drive and energy. During his years in Newton, he not only led the work at the experiment station, but he also operated a small family dairy and row crop farm. He was well known in later years as a great BBQ caterer.

Considering his education and career, it is no surprise that he was a lifelong fan and supporter of the MSU Bulldogs. He also loved playing golf and could be regularly found playing with his friends, particularly during his retirement years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Nancy; his sister Rose Brock Loftis-Yates; his three children, Al (Mitzi), Janice, and Steve (Traci); six grandchildren, William Brock (Rachel), Coleman Brock, Amelia Bailey (Alex), Harris Ward, Cory Brock (Heather), and Kelsey Dryden (Mathias); and seven great-grandchildren, as well as four stepchildren, Kim Amis (Allen), Marcy Mills, Melissa Bayles (Scott), and Matt Bender.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Newton County Funeral Home-North in Newton, Mississippi. Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at West Cemetery in West, Mississippi. Rev. Charlie Long officiated. Newton County Funeral Home - North was in charge of arrangements (601-635-3200).

Pallbearers were William Brock, Coleman Brock, Harris Ward, Ken Loftis, David Loftis, and Allen Harris.

Honorary pallbearers were Steve Brock, Al Brock, Joey Murphy, Billy Johnson, and Donald Grantham.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.newtoncountyfuneralhome.com.



Happy Birthday Patricia Miller

Even though you are not here, you are not forgotten.
Your family.

CLYDE MEEKS

Clyde Meeks, the son of Jannie Meeks and Floyd Meeks who preceded him in death, was born June 21, 1961, in Lexington, MS

He graduated from Lexington Attendance Center and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he received an honorable discharge.

He departed this life on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 6:16 p.m. at the Ocala Regional Medical Center in Ocala, FL. He is survived by eight brothers and sisters, Floyd Meeks, Jr. of Lexington, MS, Mary Love of Jackson, MS, Ar-

thur Meeks of Chicago, IL, Nathaniel Meeks of Meridian, MS, Barbara Meeks Otti of Gahanna, OH, Linda Meeks of Columbus, OH, Jeanette Meeks of Atlanta, GA, Elaine Israel of New York City, NY, and Wayne Meeks who preceded him in death; three aunts, Lois Bins of Memphis, TN, Willie Lee Wade of Milwaukee, WI, Ella Ruth Meeks of Chicago, IL; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Bethel C.M.E. Church in Blackhawk, MS on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 12:00 noon. Pastor Floyd Meeks, Jr. will officiate the service.

COVID-19 protocol will be observed.

Flowers can be sent to Porter and Sons' Funeral Home located at 237 Yazoo St., Lexington, MS 39095.

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Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Newell and Alice Love Porter, her husband John Franklin Criswell and her sister Margaret Campbell.

She was a member of the Pickens United Methodist Church.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Johnnie Lou Solis and her husband Louis of Rockport, Texas and Cheryl Nickoson of Pickens.

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Graveside services were held on Wednesday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m., from the Hillcrest Cemetery in Goodman, MS.

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FREE GED CLASS

If you are interested in getting your GED, please call 662-834-3052 to sign up. A minimum of 20 people must sign up to begin the class. The class will be held at the Career Center in Lexington beginning in February.

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MVSU ALUMNI MEETING

The MVSU Alumni of Holmes County will hold the first meeting of 2022 on

Sunday, January 16 at Harvester's Restaurant, Highway 12, Lexington at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ennis B. Rucker, 662-528-1508. 1-6,13

MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Due to COVID-19, the annual MLK parade will drive through the neighborhoods of each Holmes County town. Line-up will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the MLK Center in Pickens. It will depart at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Magnolia Jefferson at 601-672-0910, Tomeka Smart at 662-739-2802 or Cardell Wright at 601-421-1900.

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GUIDING LIGHT COGIC

Guiding Light Church of God in Christ, Lexington, will hold revival services Wednesday - Friday, January 12-14 at 7:00 p.m. Masks are required.

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Achord bags big buck



Mike Achord shot this buck at Emory hunting club Holmes county Tuesday evening January 4th. It took 6 men 24 hours to find it only after bringing in a dog that went straight to it.

Happy Birthday

January 13 - Dale McBride, Bra'kiaya Smart, Li Ables, Patrick Roberts, Dani Tate Ramsey, Dan Loflin, Maddie Drennan, Chad Bishop, Kaley McGraw, Leslie Taylor Spell, Janet Hynum, Joetta Edwards, Danny Ingold, Joshua Morris

January 14 - Angel Gilmore, LaShonda Harrison, Sadie Angell, Payton Grace Ray, Clyde Dixon

January 15 - Campbell Atkinson, Dee Word, David Richmond, Daryl Wooten, Bryan Gallagher, Mai Quon, Neely Dodd, Harold Hammett, George Hester, Malcolm Kohn, Jr., Ro'kiyah Logan, Alissa Jones, Josh Haymer

January 16 - Bonnie Ellison, Guy Taylor, Jana Lewis, Arthur Lamar Melton, Patricia Gary, Mark

Chamblee, Davis Ables, Anne Hood

January 17 - Linda Taylor, Nolan O'Reilly, Myron Courts, Nikki Meeks Edwards, Tripp Hammett, Houston Barnes, Kerri Cothran, James Powell, Kimberly Edwards, Adarius McLaurin, Kayla Hunter

January 18 - Sara L. O'Reilly, Jordan Courts Ingram, Strider McCrory, Sylvia Brown, Hadleigh Hawkins, Dixie Lane, Dr. Emily Casey, Lela Bell Freeman, Petiri Clark, Marsha Ables Hopper, Jonathan Barrett

January 19 - Susan Gibson, Jessie Coleman, Kayley Jones, Frank Flowers, Susie Davis, John Allen Autry, Clydie Dickerson, Edith Ann Word, Traci Hammett, Cortavious Staldworth

New Subscribers & Renewals

The Holmes County Herald would like to welcome the following new subscribers: Kim Sample, Lexington, Rhonda Langford, Lexington, Elnora Tucker, Iowa, Marie Williams, Tchula, Williams, Clark & Morrison, Inc., Yazoo City, John McCreary, West.

RENEWALS

The Holmes County Herald thanks the following subscribers for their renewals: Mae Lee Holland, Pittsboro, Hammett Gravel Company, Lexington, Martha Hester, Texas, James Griffin, Texas, Louise Chism, Lexington, Virginia Brooks, Lexington, James E. Harris, Durant, Wayne Watkins, Lexington, Arthur Gary, Iowa, Raleigh Galiano, Jr., Louisiana, Mrs. Tucker Pierce, Lexington, Aljean Friar, Lexington.

Happy Anniversary

January 15 - Arthur and Virginia Melton, John and Jean Branch

January 16 - Robert and Lauren Ellison

January 17 - Tricia and Riley Poe, James and Jean Hughes

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.

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