



# Obituary



after graduation. He married Patricia Scobey Yates of Lexington, MS, who he had known as a young boy, between the two stints in Korea.

Jack joined the First National Bank of Holmes County in 1952 and was appointed to chairman of the board and CEO in 1962. In 1988 he was elected as a member of the board of directors and Executive Committee as vice chairman of Citizens Bank & Trust Company and Citizens Financial Corporation in Belzoni, MS. In 1994 Citizens Bank & Trust changed its name to BankPlus, where he continued his career as vice chairman until he retired in 2019 at the age of 92. He served as Mississippi Bankers Association vice president and treasurer during the two years preceding his election as MBA chairman in 1991. He also served as chairman of the board of National Bank of Commerce of Corinth, MS from 1985 to 1997. Jack is a former chairman of the MBA State Legislative Committee and former member of the

American Bankers Association Community Bankers Advisory Board during his 60+ year service in Mississippi's banking industry.

Other than devotion to the banking industry Jack honorably served his community as well. He was chosen the first president of the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce and served as president of the Lexington School Board, the Lexington Rotary Club and Central Holmes Academy. He is also a past member of the executive board of the Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the industrial and community development board of Delta Council, as well as former director of the Mississippi Economic Council and served as a board member of the Holmes County Economic Development Authority. Jack joined First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, MS in 1950 and has been an elder since 1958, was Clerk of the Session for almost 40 years and served in many other capacities throughout his life. Jack was very generous throughout his life with all resources available to him, and his community of Lexington was always a primary focus.

Jack was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Scobey Yates after 47 years of marriage. He has been married to Beth Beall Yates for 26 years. Survivors include Jack's brother, Gene Allen Yates, Jackson, MS; daughter Suzanne Yates Best, Jackson, MS; sons, Jack "Brooks" Yates, Jr. (Linda), Dallas, TX and Max Scobey Yates (Karen), Ridgeland, MS; seven grandchildren, Nathan Campbell Best, Jr. (Kimberly), Madison, MS, Suzanna Crawford Best, Nashville, TN, Jack Brooks Yates III (Casey), Midland, TX, Elizabeth "Liza" Yates and Crawford "Ford" Pinkston Yates (Meredith), both of Dallas, TX, Max Logan Yates and Jonathan Price Yates, both of Ridgeland, MS; and six great grandchil-

dren. He also was survived by two step-children, Howard Talmadge "Tal" Clark (Janie), Pensacola, FL and John Beall Clark (Cindy), Cleveland, MS; four step-great grandchildren, Grey Gillespie Clark and Fletcher Ely Clark, both of Cleveland, MS, Pace Talmadge Clark and Peyton Clark Magee (Kyle), both of Pensacola, FL; and two step-great grandchildren.

Jack's family requests that if you desire, memorials in lieu of flowers be sent to the Meta Moore Foundation, Central Holmes Christian School, 130 Robert E. Lee Drive, Lexington, MS 39095 which provides scholarships to students there, or a charity of your choice.

A visitation was held Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 1:00 to 2:00 at the Howard Allen Education Center next to First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, and the service began at 2:00 in the sanctuary of the church.

**November 16** - Matt Meeks, Kathy Gilmore Killgore, Barbara Jordan, Crystal Belk, Daquaveion Cross, Marlee Tate, Steven M. Sallis

**November 17** - Rose K. Cheatham, Jeffrey Jones, Jr., Sara N. Martin, Cynthia Marshall, Willie Gary, Joshlyn M. Winstead, Delaney Smith, Burton Atkinson, Cyndi Wallace

**November 18** - Steve Newton, Deborah Bishop, Kathleen McKennie, Mike Thomas, Kristin Durff, Vegan Dilmore, David Dilmore, Harlee Grace Pierce, Lyndsey Flynn, Amanda Beville

**November 19** - Betty Smith, Christy Randle, Dacey Jo F. Holland, Brenna Casey, Stephen Joe, Kamren Joe, Shay Alford Blaylock, Lexie Edwards, Janis Clayton, Kinley Killebrew

**November 20** - Sophie Bilsky, Ashley Dixon Scarbrough, Dana Pierce

**November 21** - Anna "Libby" Hill, Mollie Caldwell,

Patrick Self, Fredrickia Jordan, Jimmy Montone, Nancy Barrett, Johnny Allen, Mary Flowers, Donna Rogers, Jarvis Whiteside, Lanie Davis, Jessie Marshall  
**November 22** - Austin Sims, April Pritchard, David Lloyd, Sr., Eli Wallace, Theresa Murphy, Lathan Saxton

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.



**November 16** - Robert and Helen Wooten

**November 17** - Roderick and Latoya Cox, Art and Wendy Sweeney, Shannon and Dee Dee Davis, Jonathan and Cassie McClellan

**November 18** - Donnie and Michele Holder

**November 19** - Howard and Barbara Harrison

**November 20** - Grey and Brett Clark

**November 21** - Chris and Betsy Nelson

**November 22** - Jay and Judy Austin, Bryant and Krisie Jenkins, Bryan and Samantha Murtagh

## LEXINGTON HISTORIC CHURCH & SYNAGOGUE TOUR

with Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
 History + Architecture + Music  
**Thursday, November 16, 10 am to 1 pm**

**TEMPLE BETH EL SYNAGOGUE**  
**10 - 10:45 am** - 301 Spring Street  
 History: Phil Cohen  
 Architecture: Jennifer Baughn, chief architectural historian with MS Department Archives and History  
*Built 1905, Neo-Classical Revival*

**ASIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**11 - 11:45 am** - 224 Church Street  
 History: Bryan Keith Lindsey  
 Architecture: Jennifer Baughn  
 Music: Ora Reed  
*Built 1908, Gothic Revival*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**12:15 - 1 pm** - 108 Tchula Street  
 Architecture: Jennifer Baughn  
 Music: Sibyl McRae Child  
 Piano accompaniment: Fran Thurmond  
*Built 1897, Gothic Revival*

**Tickets:** \$40 tour ticket includes tour and lunch. Menu is chicken & sausage gumbo, cornbread and brownies served at Methodist Church following tour at 1 pm. Or \$12 for lunch only, purchase tickets by 11/13. Pick up starts at 11:30 am  
**Contact:** Lydia Parrish (662) 834-2488, Susan Williamson (901) 849-1323, Fran Thurmond, Phil Cohen, or Kathleen Waldrop at Email: lexingtonpreservation@gmail.com  
**Payment:** Checks and tax deductible donations payable: FOLP, PO Box 684, Lexington, MS 39095 or Paypal@FriendsLexingtonPres  
**Parking:** Encourage carpooling & parking at Methodist Church back parking lot for shuttle starting at 9:30 am  
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### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE AND BAKE SALE

The Friends of the Lexington Public Library will hold the quarterly book sale at Lexington Public Library November 13-17 during regular library hours. Sale prices will range from \$0.10 to \$1. The Friends will hold a one-day bake sale at Lexington Public Library beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14. All proceeds will be used to provide library materials and to fund programming for Lexington Public Library. For more information, please call 834-2571.  
 11-9,16

Lexington will host its 151st Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 19 at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Gladys Cox at 662-417-7905.  
 11-9,16

### LEXINGTON CHURCH/ SYNAGOGUE TOUR

Friends of Lexington Preservation and Mississippi Department of Archives and History will conduct a church and synagogue tour on Thursday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information call Lydia Parrish - 662-834-2488, or email Fran Thurmond, Phil Cohen, or Kathleen Waldrop at lexingtonpreservation@gmail.com  
 11-9,16

### ROSE HILL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Rose Hill District Association Annual One Day Session will be held at Holy City MB Church, 781 Ebenezer Rd., Lexington, on Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Rev. Dan E. March at 662-834-4888, Rev. Leroy Gibson at 662-834-4373, or Mrs. Leona Fields at 662-834-1489.  
 11-9,16

### BETHLEHEM MB CHURCH

Bethlehem MB Church, Highway 51 South, Goodman, will host Family and Friends Day on Sunday, November 19 at 11:00 a.m.  
 11-9,16

### TRINITY MB CHURCH

Trinity MB Church will hold a Harvest Fest on 3rd Sunday, November 19 at 12 noon.  
 11-16

### MACEDONIA MB CHURCH

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