

OBITUARY

Godfrey L. Garner

Dr. Godfrey L. Garner passed away peacefully at his home in Edwards, Mississippi, on May 8, 2026, at the age of 79. Born in Columbus, Mississippi, on March 10, 1947, he was the son of Glenn T. Garner and Judith McLellan.

Godfrey lived an extraordinary life defined by a profound devotion to service, country and community. A proud veteran, his distinguished military career spanned service in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army. He answered the call of duty across generations, completing multiple combat deployments to Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, and earning the Bronze Star for his valor and leadership.

His commitment to others continued into his civilian life. He protected his community as an officer with the Tulsa Police Department and later dedicated himself to shaping the minds of future generations. Whether teaching primary school children or mentoring university students as a college professor (Hinds Community College and Mis-



issippi College), Godfrey was a passionate educator. A gifted storyteller and scholar, he also left a lasting legacy through his numerous published works, which spanned both gripping novels and insightful academic texts.

Guided by an unwavering faith and a persistently positive outlook on life, Godfrey left a meaningful, lasting impact on everyone he met.

He is survived by his loving sisters, Ann Tandy and Frances Garner; his sons, Anthony and Glenn Garner; his daughter, Temple Wilson; and six cherished grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating his remarkable life will be held at

Pinelake Church on June 23, 2026 in Clinton, Mississippi. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon with a Memorial Service at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Antioch Houston Prison Ministry in honor of Godfrey Garner to P.O. Box 219, Pearland, TX 77588 or Franconia-Oak Grove Cemetery, P.O. Box 344, Aliceville, AL 35442.

Wisdom of Clinton graduates NFPA Class 219



Special to The Clinton Courier

Firefighter Nathan Wisdom of the Clinton Fire Department recently graduated Class 219 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1010 Firefighter I-II course held at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Jackson. The intense seven-week course combines online, classroom and hands-on instruction in the areas of fire behavior, fire suppression, rescue, incident command, hazardous materials and other fire-related topics. The course meets and exceeds the National Fire Protection Association for Firefighter Qualifications and the uniform minimum training standards stated in the Mississippi Code section 45-11-7.

YCMA offers free summer lunches for children, CPSD opts out

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The Clinton Family YMCA will offer free summer lunches for children this summer, but the Clinton Public School District has decided not to participate in the Summer Feeding Program for summer 2026.

School district officials say that, after careful consideration, they have determined that, due to low participation, the district will be unable to operate a summer feeding site this year.

A statement from CPSD says, "We understand the importance of access to nutritious meal during the summer months and encourage families to seek alternative meal sites available

within the community."

The YMCA program is open to the public, with meals available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children ages eighteen and below are eligible for a free meal each weekday. The Clinton Family YMCA is located at 400 Lindale Street.

Those looking for other summer meal locations are encouraged to visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer for assistance.

Questions related to CPSD's decision may be directed to CPSD Child Nutrition Coordinator Adrienne Ealy at 601-924-4002, ext.126. For more information about the YMCA program, call 601-924-5812.

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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Discipleship 9:15
 1799 Clinton-Raymond Road

Upcoming Events

- Tuesdays in June Ladies Bible Study 10:30 AM (on TEAMS)
- Men's Breakfast June 13th 7:30 AM
- VBS Workdays, Jun 13th & Jun 14th
- VBS Rainforest Falls Jun 15th - 18th
- ORLC Annual Rummage Sale Aug. 1st 7:00 AM

VBS 2026 June 15th - 18th
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Explore 5 foundational truths about the nature of God.
 Youth will embark on a wild, creature-filled adventure at Rainforest Falls where kids learn that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever.

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