



KH “Hobert” Stamper

August 26, 1928 - September 27, 2019

KH STAMPER

8/26/1928 – 9/27/2019

K.H. (Hobert) Stamper, aged 91, joined his parents and six siblings in Heaven on Friday morning, September 27, 2019. What a joyful reunion the Stamper clan must have had! Hobert was preceded in death by his parents, O.J. Stamper and Sarah Lelia “Sallie” Thomas Stamper of Jasper County, his sisters, Zelter Gwendolyn Stamper Blue, Flora Ellen Stamper Boney, Edna Eugenia Stamper Byrd, Lenora Irene Stamper Blackledge, and Hazel Grace Stamper Roberts, and his brother, James Oscar Stamper. He is survived by his wife, Hilda Byrd Stamper, daughters, Deborah Stamper and Rhonda Stamper Nuccio (Wade), three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Hobert was born in Heidelberg, MS, on August 26, 1928. Hobert graduated from Heidelberg High School and barber college in Memphis, Tennessee. After receiving his Mississippi barber license, he returned to practice his trade in Heidelberg. He later attended an advanced program and received his hair stylist designation. The barber shop was a place of funny stories, tall tales, and much laughter. It was said that folks went to Hobart when they didn’t need a haircut but just wanted to talk. Many people have mentioned the generations of families who had their first haircuts by Hobert. One of his young patrons said he grew a mustache because he always loved Hobert’s. Hobert loved his work and did not miss a day in fifty years. The Jasper County News published an article about Hobert’s dedication to his job and his customers.

He married Hilda Byrd in March of 1949 and they were married for more than seventy years. Hobert and Hilda met in high school and he pursued her until she finally agreed to date him. He told all his friends when he first saw Hilda that he was going to marry her and he did. They had two daughters, Deborah in 1951 and Rhonda in 1958. Hobert and his

family were members of Heidelberg Baptist Church. They attended services every week and he and Hilda sang in the choir. Hobert and Hilda made an annual trip to Gatlinburg, TN, a favorite vacation spot, for a number of years and loved to bring back those great Tennessee apples for friends and family. Hobert loved his family, friends, and his town. He was a member of the Jaycees and served on the Heidelberg Board of Aldermen.

Hobert was a member of the W.E. King Masonic Lodge #615. He was a lecturer of incoming brothers and enjoyed serving as a Mason for more than sixty years.

Music was one his passions. The story goes that when he was in his early twenties he asked his musician friend to join him at the local café so they could listen to the new Hank Williams song on the jukebox. According to this friend, Hobert listened intently to the song without saying a word, and then told him, "I 've got this." Hobert was a member of a band, The Sundowners, and performed in many venues picking his Gibson guitar and singing.

Hobert would have been considered a Master Gardener in his day. He had a green thumb and could grow anything. He grew food for his family and made sure friends and neighbors shared in the bounty. As with most men of his generation, he was an avid hunter and fisherman. Wild turkey and venison were part of the fare for holiday meals.

In the past thirty years, Hobert's favorite pastime and other passion was discussing and researching geneology. He loved bringing family history to life and could tell anyone about the Stampers and the Thomases and also how families in the community were connected. He had a vast knowledge of family histories and searched far and wide for specific pieces of information to build his library.

It has been said by Heidelberg townsfolk that Hobert was a Heidelberg icon. He will be greatly missed by all especially his family. Rest in Peace, Hobert.

Visitation will be held at Heidelberg Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019, followed by a brief service and a Masonic burial at the gravesite at Heidelberg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you are welcome to make donations to the Heidelberg Baptist Church in memory of Hobert Stamper.

Cemetery

Heidelberg Cemetery

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Events

SEP **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Heidelberg Baptist Church

409 Main Street, Heidelberg, MS, US, 39439

SEP **Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I remember going to the barber shop with my daddy as a little girl. I loved listening to all the stories. Daddy even let Mr. Hobert cut my hair which was unusual in those days. I thought it was pretty cool. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sylvia Brownlee - September 30, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ What wonderful memories he left us....
Goodbye, buddy.
Lloyd

Lloyd Wells - September 30, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ My name is Danny West . Hobert cut my hair throughout my childhood . Always enjoyed his conversation. He cut my uncle Marshall West when he was in bad health. He would go to Marshall's house to do this . Mr Hobert was a fine man . Your family will be in my prayers!

Danny - September 30, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Hobert was truly a Heidelberg icon. He will live on for many years in the memories of all those who sat in his barber's chair and listened to his many stories. And, he gave a good haircut :)

Woody Ratcliffe - September 28, 2019 at 09:13 PM