



## Ben Richard Pitts

May 14, 1943 - February 1, 2017

Ben Richard Pitts, Sr., 73, of Laurel, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones at his home on February 1, 2017.

He was born May 14, 1943 to Vester and Mary Elizabeth Pitts. He served our country in the U. S. Army from 1961-1964. In 1965, he was called into the ministry where he served faithfully in the Church of God for 51 years. He also worked with the BellSouth telephone company from 1966 -1986. He loved to fish and camp with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vester C. Pitts and Mary Elizabeth Pitts.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 51 years, Elaine Rucker Pitts; three sons, Rickey (Stacie) Pitts, Troy Pitts, and David (Vicky) Pitts; grandkids, Stephan (Mollie) Williams, and Jason Williams; and his beloved fur babies, Bear, Lilly, Chacha, and Gizmo. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy (Bo) Dunagin and brothers, Billy Joe (deceased wife, Gail Pitts) Pitts, Daniel Pitts, and Mike (Ruby) Pitts.

Visitation is from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2017, at Memory Chapel. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Memory Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Gardens Cemetery. Bro. Dan Atkinson, Sister Marsha

Atkinson, and Josh Ard will officiate.

Pallbearers are Stephan Williams, Jason Williams, Chris Webb, Glenn Williams, David Morris, and David Taylor.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Gardens Cemetery

1206 Wansley Road  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jerry & Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Ben Richard Pitts*



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**Jerry & Lisa Smith** - February 06, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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*Elaine and family, my heart is breaking for your loss. Richard was a fine Christian man, wonderful father and grandfather. We all loved and respected him so much and he will be missed greatly! We love your family. Please let us know if we can help in any way.*

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**Jerry & Lisa Smith** - February 06, 2017 at 11:17 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to learn of Richard's passing. Elaine you and the boys are in my prayers. Love you Janis (Green) Ulmer*

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**Janis Green Ulmer** - February 04, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben Richard Pitts.*



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February 02, 2017 at 07:44 PM