



Benjamin "Howard" Hill

December 7, 1929 - January 14, 2023

Benjamin Howard Hill, 93, of Soso, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Howard was born on December 7, 1929 to Ben and Maude Hill of Soso. He was a graduate of Soso High School. He worked in construction and as the owner of H and D Pillow Company for 33 years. Howard was a devout deacon at Big Creek Baptist Church and served in the Mississippi Missionary Baptist Association as the chairman of the revolving loan fund. Howard was also a strong supporter of the BMA missions dept. In addition to his love for the church, he enjoyed playing music with friends, fellow church members, and the Mississippi Five. Howard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Howard was preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Anita Faye Hill, his two siblings Rubena Jefcoat and Hazel Murray, as well as, his son-in-law Tommy Dertinger and a great-granddaughter Adley Johnson.

He is survived by his daughters Linda Faye Dertinger, Lecia Hill and Sonya James all of Soso, his grandchildren Melissa (Bandy) Grace of Carson, MS, Kelby Johnson (Jessie) of Ecru, MS, Ashley Bryant (Keith) of Star, MS and his great-grandchildren Reagan and Ridge Grace, Adin, Andrew, Aubrey and

Auden Johnson and Annalea and Hayden Bryant in addition to many friends and extended family members. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Howard's caretaker Dekala Davis.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023 at Big Creek Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 with visitation one hour prior to the service at Big Creek Baptist Church. Burial will take place at the Big Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Johnathan Eddy, Rich Gray, Jeff Green, Mark Green, Larry Jefcoat, W. H. Knight, Ted Musgrove and Sam Oglesby. Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of Big Creek Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Big Creek Cemetery

28 Big Creek Church Rd.
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
8 Big Creek Church Rd.
Soso, MS 39480

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Big Creek Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss and I will be praying for you and your family.

Melvin Scruggs jr - January 20, 2023 at 04:27 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Howard's passing. I enjoyed having conversations with him when I saw him! He was like the “my Pillow Guy” of the south! Prayers to the family. Jan Holifield Larsen (daughter of Wilmer and Janell Holifield)

Jan Larsen - January 16, 2023 at 12:36 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He was a person you never forget and one who never forgot you. Howard has been near our family all of my life and I last talked with him after the tornado hit Soso. I passed by his house a few weeks ago on one of my quick trips from Picayune to Soso and told myself that i needed get by to see him; I should have taken the time to stop. Howard will be missed by his family and friends
I am unable to get up for the services, but my prayers will be with the family and friends.
Jim and Rosemary Shows
Picayune, Ms.

Jim Shows - January 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM

KB

“ *This world was only big enough for one Howard Hill, and I am so grateful to have known him. He will always be remembered and thought of fondly. My deepest sympathy to all of the girls and his family.*

Karen Jefcoats Blackledge - January 16, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Howard" Hill.*



January 15, 2023 at 08:46 PM