



Benton Ray Harper

April 23, 1952 - June 13, 2025

“Griz,” 73, of Laurel, Mississippi passed away on Friday, June 13, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hardy and Earline Harper and sister-in-law Renee Harper.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Patsy Harper, his daughters; Amanda Bolin (Russell), Amberly Sanders (Danny), Renee Langford Shawn) son, B.W. Pitts (Christy), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His brothers; Harold, Steve (Angela), and Stanley Harper and lifelong friend Mike Stovall.

Griz will be carried to his final rest by those honored to serve as pallbearers, they include:

Jase Pitts, B.B. Baggett, Gary Ezell, Kyle Bolin, Quintan Bolin and Jasper McCraney. Honorary pallbearers are Hunter Bolin and Chris “Mater” Pitts.

He was a career truck driver and food critic. He grew up in Foxworth, MS. and lived half of his life in Columbia before moving to Laurel in 2005.

He helped establish and attended the House of Refuge Church in Waynesboro, MS.

He leaves behind many friends and family, especially the staff and friends he

met at Waynesboro Dialysis.

Funeral services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi, on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00a.m. with graveside services in Columbia, MS at Woodlawn Cemetery at 2:00p.m.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 15,th 2025 at Memory Chapel, 5:00-8:00p.m. Bro. Michael Gatlin and Bro. A.J. Gatlin will officiate.

To view and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery (Columbia, MS)

144 Old Hwy. 98 East
Columbia, MS 39429

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Funeral Service

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Such a sweet man! Praying for you Patsy. Sending you love!* ”

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