



Charles Wesley "Bud" Harper

October 11, 1924 - May 20, 2022

Charles Wesley "Bud" Harper, 97 years young, departed this earth for his heavenly realm on May 20, 2022. He was born and raised in Breckenridge, Missouri.

He visited Mississippi, met and married his wife and helpmate Geraldine Johnson Harper in 1949. They spent their entire lives as residents of Shady Grove.

He was an amazing mechanic who ran his own shop, Hassell Motor Company, with his brother Tom Harper for 17 years in Laurel. Afterwards he worked at Laurel Equipment Company and Bush Construction with various other jobs in life including farmer, chicken rancher, and cattleman.

He was the most wonderful husband and father. A long-standing member of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, he was a dedicated deacon and church teacher. He was also a proud WWII Navy Veteran who served for several years in the South Pacific conflict.

He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine; his son, Gregory Lee Harper; and granddaughter, Kayla Tianda Harper.

He is survived by his son, Jerry Harper (Patsy) and daughter, Beverly

Bakhtiari (Hushang). He has left behind an extended family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be missed every single day.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 23 at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Bro. Don Brown and Bro. Sydney Davis will officiate. Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Edward Harper, Hushang Bakhtiari, Brian Harper, Bobby Harper, Isaiah Harper and Jackson Harper.

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

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Shady Grove
4514 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Bud Harper, good man. Bud was married to my best friend, Geraldine Johnson Harper. They were the best of the best. Bud and my husband, Luther, did not know each other when they served in the Navy in WW II. After Bud moved to Mississippi, they discovered they served on different ships in all the invasions of the Pacific Islands that was a big part of winning the war. We are near the last of that brave generation. They were just boys fighting for our freedom.*

To the family- God Bless and keep you all, for you are part of Bud and Geraldine.

Betty Powell

Betty Powell - May 23, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr Bud but so thankful to know he is in Heaven. Mr. Bud was such a blessing to myself, my husband S.D. Broome who led the music at Shady Grove, and to my mom, Johnnie Tebo. We had a fun time when we went to eat catfish but Mrs Geraldine and several others got chitterlings!!! I sat across from Mr Bud and both of us were so thankful we had catfish!!!! Precious precious man!!*

Linda Tebo Broome - May 23, 2022 at 12:01 AM