



## Charles "Pete" E. Holified

March 31, 1935 - February 2, 2023

Charles E. "Pete" Holifield, 87, died peacefully at South Central Regional Medical Center after a long illness on Thursday, February 2, 2023, with his wife and daughters at his side, holding his hands. He and his devoted wife Ruth shared sixty-seven years of marriage together.

Born in Jones County, he is the son of Laudis and Willie Mae Wimberly Holifield. He graduated from Soso High School in 1953. As a young man, he was a pipe fitter at both Masonite Corporation and Ingalls Shipbuilding, but he soon followed in his father's footsteps and became a self-employed logging contractor, retiring from that occupation in January of 2000.

He was a member of Springhill Baptist Church. In his active, younger years, he enjoyed waterskiing, camping, and taking his family to stock car races. After he retired, he enjoyed puttering around on his four-wheeler, watching his "judge" shows on TV, and working word puzzles. He will be remembered for his slow, easy approach to life and for his calm, friendly, charming nature and his ready smile. Simply put, people who knew him loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Gammage Holifield; two daughters, Cheryl Windham and Diane Wright and her husband Kevin; one granddaughter, Callie Green Brewer (husband Ron) and two great-grandchildren, Beau Benton Brewer, 10 years old, and Abigail Lane Brewer, 7 years old; a sister,

Joan Green; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Laudis and Willie Mae Holifield, and a sister, Betty Glaze.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Tuesday, February 7, with graveside service to follow immediately at 2:00 p.m. at Springhill Baptist Church cemetery with Pastor Bryson Haden officiating. Pallbearers are Ron Brewer, David Glaze, Mike Giles, Brad Skeen, Clay Speights, and Ken Keyes. Honorary pallbearers are Jerry Glaze, Joe Giles, Phil Wright, and Mike Martin.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the nursing staff at South Central for their unwavering kindness to and attentive care for Daddy. Further, we want to express our gratitude to his longtime, beloved primary caregivers, Dr. Jack Evans and Dr. David Sullivan; and, finally, to Dr. Deepu Thoppil, who literally held our hands throughout Dad's hospital stay and helped us better understand and accept losing him. The unrushed time that Dr. Thoppil spent with us, along with his patient, professional explanations and sincere concern, were absolutely invaluable and made a terrible time so much more bearable.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Springhill Baptist Church, 558 Springhill Road, Laurel, MS 39443, or the charity of your choice.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Springhill Cemetery

548 Springhill Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know Mr. Pete really well and had not seen him in decades but I thought fondly of him on many occasions since meeting him. We crossed paths several times 50 years ago riding off-road motorcycles. I found him to be as nice a guy as one could hope to meet. He was one of the first adults to ever make me feel like I might potentially be more than just a dumb kid when I was a teenager. A genuine top-tier gentleman.

Fred Pittman - February 08, 2023 at 06:49 PM

PW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for all of you!  
Love Coach Welborn, Annette Welborn and Penny Walters

Penny Walters - February 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Pete's passing. We were in the same grade at Soso High.  
Joyce Parker Maddox

joyce Maddox - February 07, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Pete" E. Holified.



February 05, 2023 at 08:49 PM

JT

“ So very sorry for your loss!! 🙏🙏  
*Jim & Janet Thornhill*



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**Jim & Janet Thornhill** - February 05, 2023 at 02:15 PM

MU

“ *My precious Uncle Pete...loved him so much!*

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**Michele Underwood** - February 05, 2023 at 01:12 PM