



## Charles Rawls

May 17, 1933 - August 16, 2025

Charles Rawls, 92, of Laurel, passed away August 16, 2025, at his home in Laurel.

Mr. Rawls was born in Hattiesburg. His parents were J. C. and Ina Rawls. He had one brother, Donald Rawls, of Hattiesburg.

He was a graduate of Hattiesburg High School and The University of Southern Mississippi.

He was extremely proud of his wife and lifelong companion, Beth Emile Rawls. They were married April 4, 1956 at Nativity BVM Catholic Church in Biloxi.

He had both a military and civilian career. He retired as a major in 1978 from the U. S. Army after 23 years of service. He served on both active duty and in the reserve. In 1992, he retired from the Norris O'Bannon division of Dover Corporation after 33 years of service.

He lived most of his life in Laurel with his wife and two children. He called Laurel his home.

He was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and a 4th

degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beth Rawls, and his brother, Donald Rawls.

Survivors include his daughter, Libby Rawls, and son, John Rawls, both of Laurel.

Graveside services will be held at Hickory Grove Cemetery on August 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Father Tomasz Powroznik will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 833 W. 6th Street, Laurel, MS 39440. Phone: 601-426-3473.

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery  
Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to Mr. Charlie's family.* ”



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