



## Chester Mike Ishee

November 7, 1940 - June 13, 2017

Chester Mike Ishee, 76, died June 13 in Pensacola, Fla., after a brief battle with cancer. He was born in Jones County, and although his career moved his family throughout the southeast, he eventually returned to Laurel, then to Pensacola, Fla., near his much-loved grandsons.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sandra Herrington Ishee, and their two children, Leslie "Button" Ishee of Robertsdale, Ala., and Jeff Ishee (Angie) of Pensacola, as well as three grandsons, Benjamin Ishee, Jacob Ishee, and Samuel Ishee, all of Pensacola. Also surviving is a sister, Margaret Ishee Riley, as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester L. Ishee and Inez Sumrall Ishee; an infant daughter, Tina Marie Ishee; and father- and mother-in-law, Orange and Gladys Herrington.

During his 55-year career in the oilfield business and his involvement in the church and community, Chester Mike was privileged to make friends across the country, friends who loved and appreciated his wit, charisma, generosity, and authenticity.

Pallbearers include Al Herring, Skipper Herring, Tony Herrington, Bill Riley, Scott Matheny, and Tim Sumrall. Honorary pallbearers include Ron Byrd,

Chad Harris, Joe Ishee, Ed Kissinger, Marcus Moore, Corey Ruffin, Mike Ruffin, Devin Simmons, Mercer Sport, Tony Sumrall, and Roland Temple.

The family will receive friends at a visitation Friday, June 16, from 5-7 p.m., at Franklin United Methodist Church in Laurel, with a memorial service Saturday, June 17, at 1 p.m. at Franklin to celebrate the life of Chester Mike.

A private burial will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Franklin United Methodist Church Building Fund or the charity of your choice. Memory Chapel Funeral Home of Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Franklin United Methodist Church  
805 Northview Drive  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Sandra my love and prayers go out to you and your family. Mike and Mac would always have a lot of fun picking at each other. I know when they met in heaven they continued their fun..* **Bobbie Cessna**

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**Bobbie Cessna** - June 22, 2017 at 05:07 PM

LH

“ *Sandra, Bill and I were so shocked to see Mike's obit in the paper last night. Didn't know he had been sick. We prayed for you and your family. We always enjoyed visiting with both of you as you always lifted our spirits. God Bless You is our continued prayer*

*In His Service,  
Bro. Bill & Loretta Hayes*

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**Loretta Hayes** - June 16, 2017 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ *Susan Ishee Holmes lit a candle in memory of Chester Mike Ishee*



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**Susan Ishee Holmes** - June 15, 2017 at 01:54 PM

GB

“ A couple of us were building a pump in Tuscaloosa, AL. Mike was there visiting with us. He could see we were in a rush to get the pump completed. The pump was really nasty and Mike had on nice slacks as he always wore. I told Mike that we could handle it because I didn't want him to get oil and grease on his pants. Mike responded, " Gary, without that oil, I wouldn't have these pants." He was always quick witted and a true gentleman. I will truly miss him.

Gary Bryant

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**Gary Bryant** - June 15, 2017 at 10:12 AM

WK

“ Dear Sandra, Button, and Jeff:

Trisha and I are saddened by the news of Mike's passing. I will miss his wonderful smile. He was a good man and I know he will be missed. He always had a kind word for me and I really enjoyed talking to him. The last time we talked he excitedly talked about being closer to his grand children and how much he was looking forward to the move to Pensacola. So long old friend, see you in heaven when the Lord calls me home.

Dale and Trisha Keyes

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**W. Dale Keyes** - June 15, 2017 at 08:23 AM

BB

“ A dear friend that I have always looked up to, a lot of great memories over the years.

Praying for the family and friends of Chester Mike.

B.Bush

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**Bob Bush** - June 15, 2017 at 07:00 AM

BH

“ *Sandra,  
Our prayers go out to you and the family. Mike will really be missed  
by all of us.*

*Bob and Marilyn Horton*

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**Bob Horton** - June 14, 2017 at 06:54 PM