



David Austin Jefcoats

September 20, 1948 - August 31, 2021

David Austin Jefcoats, of Laurel, MS passed away on August 31, 2021.

He was born September 20, 1948 in Laurel, MS, to parents, General Delton Jefcoats and Christine Alice Jones Jefcoats and was a faithful believer in Jesus Christ and His Word. David was a member of Highland Baptist Church of Laurel and the North Laurel Camp Gideon's Organization at his death.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a graveside service to follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery at 10 a.m. Bro. Gene Douglas will officiate. All friends and family are welcome.

He was preceded in death by his father, General Delton Jefcoats formerly of Laurel, and his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Flynn formerly of Laurel.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Allen Jefcoats of Laurel; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Peggy (Hilton Jr) Harvison of McKinney, TX and Carolyn (Philip Lee) Henderson of Laurel; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, George D. Jr. (Susan) Gaskin of Birmingham, AL; as well as nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of R H Watkins High School in Laurel and attended Jones

County Junior College in Ellisville, MS and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg prior to receiving his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in accounting and his Master of Science in Accounting degree, both at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg.

Upon completion of the requirements for his master's degree, he was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

David worked for Howard Industries and Northern Electric Company, a division of Sunbeam, in Laurel and later passed the exam to practice as a Certified Public Accountant. He was self-employed as a public accountant for a period then took a position as a Certified Public Accountant with Philip M. Stevens & Associates in Laurel, before returning to private practice in his own small CPA firm.

He moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast with his wife, the former Lee Allen Gaskin of Birmingham, AL, for a period of about four years. They traveled extensively throughout the United States and enjoyed cruises as well.

David liked music of all kinds and often attended concerts and performances with Lee. They also enjoyed movies, dining at various restaurants in the Coast area and quiet walks on the beach.

In 2012 David returned to Laurel, having completed the qualifications for licensure in the sale of Life, Health, and Accident insurance. He was a general agent with American Family Life Assurance of Columbus.

His love of tennis was well-known in Laurel, and he often played in tournaments in Mississippi and the surrounding area. David spent as much

time as he could in his reading of fiction, history and not-fiction, including spiritual and religious literature.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the North Sunflower Medical Foundation, 107 E Floyce Street, Ruleville, MS 38771.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 9:00 AM (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

SEP 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *My deepest sympathies to David's family. We often played tennis together at Daphne Park and spent hours with the "Daphne Park Regulars" playing tennis, talking philosophy and discussing rock n roll and blues music (I remember that David was quite fond of Cream and Johnny Winter). David was very smart and wise and a loyal friend. Rest In Peace! Greg Bullock*

Greg Bullock - April 06, 2024 at 04:11 PM

SW

“ *So sorry to hear about David's passing. He was a good person who loved Tennis, the Lord, and Lee. My prayers are with you. Love you. Sue Whitehurst*

Sue Whitehurst - September 11, 2021 at 01:36 PM

LS

“ *So sorry to hear about David's passing. We are keeping you in our prayers.*

Lee and Linda (Fairley) Smith

Linda Smith - September 10, 2021 at 04:31 PM

BS

“ *So very sorry to hear of David's passing. Sending prayers for all of his family.*

Jake and Becky Spencer

Becky Spencer - September 04, 2021 at 12:37 PM

TC

“ *RIP David. A gifted tennis player who helped the Laurel tennis community maintain a high level of play and personal character. It was an honor to know you.*

Tom Casey - September 03, 2021 at 10:30 AM