



Dennis Seay Keveryn Jr.

May 22, 1942 - June 2, 2025

Dennis Seay Keveryn, Jr., a beloved husband, father, grandfather, community servant, and devoted follower of Christ, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and unconditional love.

Born on May 22, 1942, in Laurel, Mississippi, to Dennis Seay Keveryn, Sr. and Wynema Wheeler Keveryn, Dennis grew up in a home filled with integrity, faith, and strong family values. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age, a decision that would guide every step of his life.

Dennis graduated from Laurel High School and later attended Mississippi College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics. A proud patriot, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve, serving his country with honor. His pursuit of excellence led him to the University of Oklahoma, where he completed a Master of Business Administration.

On July 26, 1969, Dennis married the love of his life, Janet Whetstone Keveryn (A Saint). Their union was a testament to enduring love and godly partnership. Together, they raised two children, Chad and Courtney, whom he cherished deeply. He often declared that his greatest accomplishment was being a husband, father, and grandfather—a role he fulfilled with unwavering devotion.

Dennis spent 33 years working for Gulf and Chevron Oil, demonstrating leadership and integrity throughout his career. Following his retirement, he continued to serve his community as Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Laurel, Mississippi. His commitment to public service extended to numerous charitable organizations. He served on the Board of the Salvation Army, volunteered at the Good Shepherd Clinic, and delivered meals through Christian Food Mission.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Dennis never missed an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He lived his faith boldly and consistently, often described as a man who “knew no strangers” and “loved everyone.” His warmth, kindness, and joyful spirit touched the lives of countless individuals—whether lifelong friends or someone he had just met.

Dennis received numerous honors for his contributions to faith and community, including the Award of Service from Mississippi College for his philanthropic support of Christian Studies majors and the esteemed 2023 Person of the Year Award from The Laurel Leader Call. Yet, he remained humble, always quick to redirect praise to God and those he served.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Al Keveryn, and in-laws Helen Whetstone, Rob Grimmatt and Nancy Whetstone.

Dennis leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Janet Whetstone Keveryn; his son Chad Keveryn (Kristi) of Hattiesburg, MS; his daughter Courtney Sheriff (Mat) of Brandon, MS; his beloved grandchildren, Joshua Sheriff and Brooke Sheriff; sister-in-law Bobbie Grimmatt of Edmond, OK; brother-in-law Stephen Whetstone of Sugar Land, TX; nieces Brooke Grimmatt and McKinney Whetstone; nephews Brad Grimmatt, Greg Keveryn, and Scott Keveryn; numerous cousins and extended family.

He is also remembered by his special friends throughout the City of Laurel and Benicia, California, the close-knit Friday night supper group, and his loving neighbors. Each of them was blessed by his warm smile, compassionate heart, and Christ-like spirit.

Those who knew Dennis will forever remember him as a faithful servant of God, a pillar of his community, and a man who loved deeply and gave generously. His legacy of Christian witness, family devotion, and community service will continue to inspire generations.

“Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord.” –
Matthew 25:23

Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Laurel on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 with visitation from 12 noon until the service time of 2 o'clock.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be sent to The Salvation Army of Laurel, MS, or mailed to The Salvation Army of Laurel, 205 North 13th Avenue, Laurel, MS 39440.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“Do you not realize that a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel today?

2 Samuel 3:38.

God bless you each in your grief journey
and treasure the memories os such an
unique disciple of Christ.

Pleading to walk beside you,

Love & Prayers, Sharon

SHARON BARham - June 09, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ Mr. Dennis was a remarkable person! He was kind, he had a ready smile and always had a hug. I thanked him every time I saw him for his leadership and guidance helping me to navigate to departments in the City of Laurel. In that respect, you were my hero.

I will miss our “chance’ encounters on dinner nights with groups of friends. Go with God my friend you have earned your rewards.

Connie Hoover

Connie Hoover - June 06, 2025 at 09:11 AM

AT

“ Truly one of the kindest people I’ve ever met—always smiling, always generous with his love and his time. Dennis had a way of making everyone feel seen and valued. The world is a little dimmer without him, but his light lives on in all of us who were lucky enough to know him. He is dearly missed. Allison and Grace Travis

Allison Travis - June 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JH

Have great memories of great times spent with Dennis, Robley and Richard Evans, and myself as kids and then as a classmate and friend in high school. Thoughts and prayers for his beloved family. Jane Upton Henderson

Jane Upton Henderson - June 06, 2025 at 09:30 AM

MT

“ Mike, Allison, Grace & Jack Travis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Seay Keveryn Jr..



Mike, Allison, Grace & Jack Travis - June 05, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CD

“ Clint Swanzy & Jackson Division purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis Seay Keveryn Jr..



Clint Swanzy & Jackson Division - June 04, 2025 at 08:44 AM

RF

“ RJ Reynolds Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis Seay Keveryn Jr..



RJ Reynolds Family - June 04, 2025 at 08:35 AM

RF

“ RJ Reynolds Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Seay Keveryn Jr..

RJ Reynolds Family - June 04, 2025 at 08:35 AM

JM

“ Remember Denny from grade school up
Very caring person and wonderful volunteer work
Will be missed.

Jane Jenkins Meador - June 03, 2025 at 08:52 PM

MT

Denny was a good friend always smiling. He met no strangers and was loved by all. His warm personality will be missed by all

Melita Wade Thorpe - June 05, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DT

“ He was my Great friend all our days. Douglas and Jo Tillery.

Douglas Tillery - June 03, 2025 at 05:44 PM

AP

Denny and I grew up together going to First Baptist Church. He was very friendly and do anything you needed help with. Denny will be greatly missed.

Anita Carolyn Henson Pryor - June 05, 2025 at 12:38 AM