



## DeWitt Talmadge "D. T." Beard, Jr.

January 24, 1923 - June 8, 2016

DeWitt Talmadge "D. T." Beard, Jr., born January 24, 1923, died June 8, 2016.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2016, at First Baptist Church of Laurel with services following at 12 noon at the church. Interment will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate.

Mr. Beard was preceded in death by his father, D. T. Beard, Sr.; mother, Vera Wynne Beard; brother, Marvin "Buddy" Beard; and his beloved wife, Margaret Hassell Beard.

Survivors include his son, John M. Beard (Sherry) of Laurel; daughter, Betty Ann Beard of Jackson, Alabama; sister, Joy Roberts, brother-in-law, John D. Hassell (Ellen), and one grandson, Adam Beard all of Laurel; and one niece and three nephews.

During World War II he served with the 13th Fighters Command in the Pacific as a radio operator. He was the longest-serving member of First Baptist Church of Laurel, a member of the American Legion and Dixie Golf, and he was on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Laurel. Mr. Beard was in the farm supply business for 50 years and was the owner of Beard's Feed Store. His hobbies included golfing and fishing.

Pallbearers will be David Hassell, Mickey Holloway, Hayden Lambert, Zane Lambert, Russell Roberts, and Barry Taylor.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully request donations to First Baptist Church of Laurel or the Jones County Junior College Foundation.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

JUN 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of DeWitt Talmadge "D. T." Beard, Jr..*



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June 10, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *Betty I was so sorry to hear about your sweet Daddy! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ! Love ya!*

*Carol Rowell*

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**Carol Rowell** - June 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Betty. Praying for your entire family as you go through tie storm. Sending massive hugs to you..... 🙏*

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**sharon lankford** - June 10, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *Russell, Joy and family, please know that our prayers are with you and your family at this time. Thinking of you, Roma Rahaim Graham and Walterine Rahaim.*



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**Roma R. Graham** - June 10, 2016 at 12:15 PM

BJ

“ Mr. Beard was so gracious to open his home to Betty's friends for gatherings when we were in town. His commentary and dry wit were always fun. To those of us who had already lost our fathers, he was sweet to let us hug on him & kiss his cheek or the top of his head. If I weren't in Texas I would be there to celebrate his wonderful life. Love and hugs.

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**Becky Huston Montgomery Jenner** - June 10, 2016 at 11:57 AM

FB

“ You are in our thoughts at this time of loss - the family of Bonnie Beard.

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**Family of Bonnie R. Beard** - June 10, 2016 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ I taught Mr. Beard Computer classes at the JCJC Advanced Technology Center in Ellisville. He was always so thoughtful and kind. He wanted to learn and was a delight to both me and his fellow students. He will be remembered always! You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Diann McCoskey** - June 10, 2016 at 10:17 AM

DK

“ Johnny, Betty and family.  
We are saddened to learn of your Dad's passing. We are praying for you and your family during this time. Your Dad was a special friend of Trisha's Dad Kervin Hall. We remember Mr. DT fondly.  
Dale & Trisha Hall Keyes

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**Dale Keyes** - June 10, 2016 at 07:26 AM

SB

“ *Prayers for your family tomorrow for the service. Sharon Barham*

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**Sharon Barham** - June 10, 2016 at 05:59 AM