



Doyle Farrall Wheat

February 27, 1935 - July 28, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Doyle Farrall Wheat, affectionately known as "Sleepy" or Coach Wheat and PePaw, who left this world peacefully on July 28, 2025, at the age of 90, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on February 27, 1935, in Liberty, Mississippi, Doyle lived a life filled with dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment to his family and community.

Doyle shared a beautiful and enduring marriage with his beloved wife, Dave Ann Jackson Wheat, for 67 wonderful years. Their relationship was a testament to true love, marked by quiet mornings spent sharing coffee and serene afternoons in their carport, delighting in the simple joy of watching the birds together. They created a warm and welcoming home filled with love and cherished memories.

Doyle was a proud father to two sons, Tony Wheat of Laurel and Tim (Tonna) Wheat of Pace, Florida. As a grandfather to Tori (Chris) Griewisch and Tate (Haleigh) Wheat, and as a great-grandfather to three sweet great-grandchildren, Riley, Payton, and Paislee Griewisch, he radiated love and joy, leaving a lasting impression on the hearts of his family.

A proud graduate of Mars Hill School, Doyle's athletic prowess earned him scholarships in basketball and baseball at Southwest Mississippi Junior

College and later at William Carey College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. He furthered his education by earning a Master's Degree in Science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Doyle's commitment to service extended beyond education. He joined the Army in 1958 and dedicated 37 years to the National Guard, retiring as a Colonel, where he taught large weapon usage and Officer Training Classes. His impact on young lives continued as he coached basketball and taught science in the Laurel City School District at Jones Junior High, retiring after 33 years in education. After retiring from the school system, he worked for 22 years with the USDA.

His legacy in sports was honored with inductions into the Sports Hall of Fame at both Southwest Mississippi Junior College and William Carey College. A deacon at the First Baptist Church of Laurel, Doyle was actively involved in his community and cherished his membership at the Lauren-Rogers Museum.

He is predeceased by his parents, Jefferson Davis Wheat and Pernie Cotton Wheat, along with nine brothers and two sisters.

Doyle's warmth, wisdom, and love will be missed by all who knew him.

As we remember Doyle, let us celebrate a life devoted to family, education, and service. He leaves behind a legacy of love and inspiration that will continue to resonate in the hearts of many.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Laurel, the Doyle and Dave Ann Wheat Scholarship Fund at William Carey College, or the Lauren Rogers Museum.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lisa Trest Smith lit a candle in memory of Doyle Farrall Wheat*



Lisa Trest Smith - August 05, 2025 at 10:22 PM

JB

“ *So sorry Dave Ann , Mr Doyle was always good to me. James Bass*

james bass - August 04, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Coach. I always admired the way you carried yourself, and cared about all of us as students and young men. You set a wonderful example of what a Godly Man is. Your life touched so many. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as they grieve your passing.*

Raymond Walters - July 31, 2025 at 11:18 PM

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“ *Dave Ann and Family*

*Deepest Sympathy Extended In Your Loss.
Prayers For Comfort and Peace.*

Linda Patterson

Linda Patterson - July 31, 2025 at 08:30 PM

EB

“ *Coach Wheat was an inspiration to his many students at R H Watkins High School. Prayers for Dave Ann and the family*

Ellen Brown - July 31, 2025 at 10:32 AM

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Sorry Jones Jr High not Watkins

Ellen Brown - July 31, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *My absolute favorite teacher!! He lived down the street from me and I delivered their newspaper. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace.*

Michelle Templeton - July 31, 2025 at 08:58 AM