



## Eddie O'Neal Loper

October 25, 1942 - November 1, 2020

Eddie O'Neal Loper passed to his heavenly home on November 1, 2020.

He was born October 25, 1942 to Omie and Ila Loper of Mobile, Alabama. His family moved to Laurel, MS in 1945. Eddie attended school in Laurel and graduated from George S. Gardner High School in 1960. He was a star football player in High School, Junior College, Jones Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He worked with Gulf Oil as an Engineer in New Orleans, Louisiana, for 20 years. He also worked in Dallas, Texas for several years.

Eddie has an outstanding voice and was not shy to sing whenever asked.

He retired from Gulf Oil and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to record his music. He was friends with many recording artists, including Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, and many others. Marty became a close friend of Eddie's and was involved in helping Eddie get started recording and writing music. Marty passed away approximately the same time Eddie's parents became ill and he moved back to Laurel to take care of his parents. At this time, he and his sister, Sylvia Thrash Lowrimore took over the ownership of Lopers Laundry. After the deaths of his parents, Eddie married his wife, Linda.

Eddie and Linda together operated the business in Laurel for many years. He was a remarkable man and never met a stranger. He and Linda loved to travel and enjoyed giving his CD's to individuals as part of his Christian Ministry. They loved their church (First Baptist), and Eddie sang in the choir. Eddie was part of many clubs and organizations. Eddie was a good samaritan always helping someone in need. He always had a smile on his face and a golden heart. His laugh and love were contagious.

Eddie is preceded in death by his father Omie Loper, mother Ila Loper, brother Gary Loper, and sister Jean Loper Perry. He is survived by his sister Sylvia Loper Thrash Lowrimore, nephews Tim Perry of Charlotte, N.C., and Terry Perry of Hattiesburg, MS, Gary Loper of Jackson, MS, Shane and Neal Lowrimore both of Hattiesburg, nieces Leslie Loper Herring of Hattiesburg, MS and Dana Lowrimore Waugh of Birmingham, AL, also six great nephews and four great nieces.

Our hearts are broken from the loss of our dear Eddie, but we are comforted in knowing that Eddie is healed and singing in Heaven to our Lord and Savior. Rest in Peace Eddie O'Neal, we will forever cherish and miss you dearly.

Services will be held graveside on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Hickory Grove Cemetery. The visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and the funeral service will follow at 11 a.m.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery  
Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Graveside Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I personally did not meet Eddie until 2017 and Eddie Loper was a Gideon for many years and registered in the North Laurel Camp Gideons. I was able to share several Gideon events with Eddie and his wife Lynda. I am grateful to have known him and was able to visit him when he moved to the Easy Care Facility. I found out he met his wife Linda in Nashville.

*I enjoyed his stories and he was a blessing to me. I*

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**Lloyd Dalier** - November 07, 2020 at 12:50 PM

ML

“ Lynda, Mom (Jena) just told me about Eddie. I am so sorry for your loss. You know he was a happy addition to any gathering he attended. I loved him and you. My prayers are with you. Marian

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**Marian Latimer** - November 05, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy Extended to Lynda Loper and the Family of Eddie Loper.  
Eddie was blessed with a beautiful voice that will never be forgotten.  
Prayers for Comfort and Peace.

*Linda Patterson*

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**Linda Patterson** - November 04, 2020 at 09:19 PM

HS

*Dearest Lynda  
I'm so very sorry about Eddies death  
He was such a kind and dear person with a wonderful smile and  
energy  
He surely will be missed  
Please know that you are in my prayers  
I miss you  
Helen*

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**helen swartzfager** - November 07, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the  
family of Eddie O'Neal Loper.*



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November 04, 2020 at 11:29 AM

TT

“ *Eddie was one of the "good guys". He always seemed to be upbeat  
every time I saw him. I'm happy that he's been made whole again  
and am sure that he's entertaining in Heaven. Our sincere  
condolences to his close friends and family.*

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**Terry and Marda Tullos** - November 04, 2020 at 11:16 AM

EB

*Lynda. I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. He was a good friend.  
Please call me at (205) 410-6324. Ned Barrett.*

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**Edward Barrett,Jr.** - June 23, 2022 at 05:53 PM