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Eric “Derry” Butler Jr. of Laurel, Mississippi passed away on June 15, 2026, in his home. He was born on May 2, 1954, to Eric Derry Butler, Sr. and Grace Bynum Butler. Derry graduated from West Jones High School in 1972 and spent his entire career in the pipeline industry retiring from Plains All American Pipeline in 2018. He married Connie Dale Bush in 1978, and they shared 48 years together.

An avid outdoorsman, Derry loved bass fishing, shooting sporting clays, and collecting knives. He had also recently picked back up his love of riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Above all, Derry’s favorite thing in the world was his family; he cherished watching his grandson play baseball and talking to his granddaughter about her day. His grandchildren were truly his pride and joy.

Derry is survived by his wife, Connie Butler; his daughter, Amanda, and son-in-law, Robert Lee; his beloved grandchildren, Layla and Tripp Lee; and his son, Britt Butler. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Pam Butler and their children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eric Butler, Sr. and Grace Butler. Derry also leaves behind a village of dear friends,

former co-workers, and fishing buddies.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to The Children's Center for Communication and Development Fund (0346) through The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation either in Memory of Derry Butler or in Honor of Layla Lee.

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