



Gaston Dennis Stokes

October 12, 1946 - September 28, 2025

Gaston Dennis Stokes, 78, of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Gaston was born on October 12, 1946.

Raised in Laurel, Gaston built a life rooted in hard work, kindness, and love for those around him. He spent many years working in construction, where he not only built structures but also lasting friendships. Gaston never met a stranger—his warm smile, quick wit, and genuine heart made people feel like family from the moment they met him.

He found joy in music, collecting antiques, jewelry and arrowheads, and embracing life to the fullest. Above all, his greatest treasure was his family. He took immense pride in his daughter, Halli, and adored his granddaughters, McKenna Jane and Renvi Kate, who were the lights of his life.

Gaston was preceded in death by his parents, Dudley Stokes and Frances Butler Stokes, both of Laurel.

He is survived by his daughter, Halli Stokes; granddaughters, McKenna Jane and Renvi Kate Smith of Laurel; his brothers, Clifton Stokes of Laurel and Jimmy Johnson (Melissa) of Ellisville; his sisters, Bonnie Smith of Ellisville and Linda Stokes of Laurel; as well as many nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

Those who knew Gaston will remember his compassion, humor, and the way he lived out his own words: “Be kind to people, because you never know what they’re going through.” His legacy of love and generosity will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of Gaston’s life will be held October 11, 2025 at 4 pm at Lake Congregational Methodist Church on Hwy 84E past Masonite Lake Road. The family invites friends and loved ones to gather, share stories, and honor the remarkable man he was.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

Lake Congregational Methodist Church
2645 US 84
Laurel, MS 39443