



George Rothelle Chancellor

December 1, 1926 - February 23, 2017

George Rothelle Chancellor, born December 1, 1926 in Laurel, MS, passed away on February 23, 2017, in Laurel at his residence.

He served in the United States Navy in World War II in the Pacific Theatre as a Frogman/UDT (Underwater Demolition Technician) on Seal Team 13. Following his Honorable Discharge from the U. S. Navy he returned home to Laurel and worked at Masonite Corporation for nearly 40 years before he retired as Maintenance Superintendent for the Laurel Plant. He was a Master Mason in good standing with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M. Lodge Number 0525. He lived in the Powers Community his entire life and built the family home just a short distance from where he grew up as a child.

He was an avid outdoor person who greatly enjoyed gardening and working on all sorts of equipment. His God given talent was his ability to take apart mechanical machines and repair them back to like new. He loved visiting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as doing yardwork and house projects with his companion Betty Sanford. Watching his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren grow up became his hobby and one he greatly enjoyed. His last minutes on earth were spent holding his newest great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lillie Joyce Chancellor; parents Roy

and Mattie Mae Chancellor; sister Voncille Morton; sister Lucille Snyder; and brother Freddie Chancellor.

He was survived by his daughter, Lisa Bailey; son-in-law Thomas Bailey; grandson Matthew Bailey; grandson Blake Bailey; son, Lance Chancellor; daughter-in-law Danette Chancellor; granddaughter Kelsi Hodge and her husband William "Jabo" Hodge, III; granddaughter Daryn Chancellor; grandson Trevor Chancellor; great-grandson Kaeson Walters and great granddaughter Kinsleigh Hodge; sister, Rebecca Cottingham; his love and companion for many years Betty Sue Sanford of Hattiesburg, MS; and a host of extended family member and friends.

A special thank you to his caretakers Jessica Welch, Theresa Michel, Shae Schrimshire, Rosa Davis and Gayle Haynes for the outstanding care they provided over the last eighteen months. In addition, the family would like to recognize South Central Home Health and Hospice and Dr. Jack Evans for the compassionate medical care they provided.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Saturday, February 25th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the service on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m. Greg Chancellor will preside over the funeral service with burial following at Memorial Gardens on Hwy. 184 East in the Powers Community.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Bailey, Trevor Chancellor, William "Jabo" Hodge, Mike Chancellor, Greg Chancellor, Ronnie Cottingham and David Taylor. Honorary pallbearer will be Blake Bailey who is in the United States Marine Corps Boot Camp, Platoon 3012, at Paris Island, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Dying To Live Ministries at P. O. Box 1065, Laurel, MS 39441-1065.

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

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm sure the family does not remember me, but I was in Laurel at Masonite in the early 70's and have many fond memories of Rothelle....the main thought was that he was a good giving individual. He was the motivating force for my son getting into go kart racing. We had a lot of fun and will remember Rothelle for all of his help. I am sure he will missed by his family as I know he touched a lot of other lives in addition to ours.

Clyde Ratcliff
Hot Springs, Ar.

Clyde Ratcliff - February 27, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ To My Dearest Friend Lisa, and her Brother Lance, my heart breaks for you both and your families and friends.. This man and your Mother made 2 beautiful children , whom , one has been in my life as a friend for almost 20 yrs, and i am sure Lance is just as awesome. My heart is with each of you and i pray that all will heal and keep in your hearts the sweet memories. I am grateful that i had the pleasure of meeting your Dad and that most of all what he and your Mom gave to each of you , they gave to us all who know you, a true Blessing. May He Rest In Peace , Always and Forever
N.W.Myers

Norman Myers - February 24, 2017 at 05:29 PM