



## Grady Thomas Rushton

November 27, 1938 - November 4, 2023

Mr. Grady Thomas Rushton, age 84, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, passed from this life at Forrest General Hospital on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Mr. Rushton was born on November 27, 1938, in Henderson, North Carolina, to Bennett Graydon Rushton and Ruth Louise Ayscue Rushton. He is remembered by family and friends as being an overcomer, steady, dependable, determined, gentle, and caring.

After a 26-year career with the United States Postal Service, Grady retired as Postmaster in Lucedale, Mississippi, on October 2, 1992. He served our country well and retired from the United States Army Reserve as a Lt. Colonel. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Bellevue in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he served as a deacon. During his earlier years he served at the churches he attended in the roles of deacon, choir member, and teacher. He had also been a member of the Gideons, American Legion, Rotary Club and Lions Club.

Grady was preceded in death by his parents, Bennett Graydon Rushton and Ruth Louise Rushton, and his sisters, Celia Ann Hickman and Alma Delores Barnes.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of almost 65 years, Mary

Frances Hill Rushton; children Laura Virginia “Ginny” (Terry) Ingram of Sumrall, Mississippi, Alvin Jackson “Jackie” (Teresa) Rushton of Deatsville, Alabama, Deana Yvonne (Larry) Ponder of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Cary Thomas (Jennifer) Rushton of Laurel, Mississippi; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel, Mississippi, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. and officiated by Brother Paul Rodgers. Family visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m., and visitation for friends will begin at 1:00 p.m. Graveside services to follow at Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Big Creek Cemetery

28 Big Creek Church Rd.  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Mrs. Mary,*

*I consider it an honor and privilege to know Mr. Grady. It was always a pleasure to see him and you. He was so humble and caring.*

*Sincerely,  
Lisa Bailey*

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**Lisa Bailey** - January 05, 2024 at 07:52 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Grady was the kindest human I have ever met! He loved Mrs. Mary with the kindest of hearts. His contribution to mankind is irreplaceable and I admired his dedication to wife & family. I will never forget my time with y'all on the farm. Save Me A Seat!*  
*Matthew Rex Burnham*

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**Dr. Matthew Rex Burnham** - December 13, 2023 at 02:59 AM

AR

“ *Praying for the family in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy,  
David & Angela Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - November 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ Mary Francis and family, I am so sorry to hear of Grady's passing and that I am not able to stop by today. Mama wanted to let you know that she was so sorry and wished that she could have been. I will always be grateful to Grady and Mary Francis being with mama and daddy when daddy fell and broke his hip until Donna and I could get there to carry daddy to the hospital. We wanted to let you know that we are praying for you all during this difficult time and praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead. Iva Lee Black, Royce and Donna Black.

Royce Black - November 08, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PB

“ We loved Mr. Grady! Such a kind, helpful man. Praying for y'all. Paul Brashier, son of Arnold, who worked at the post office in Lucedale.

Paul Brashier - November 07, 2023 at 04:38 PM

PA

“ Paula A. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Grady Thomas Rushton.



Paula A. - November 07, 2023 at 02:37 PM

PI

“ Ms, Mary, Ginny, Jackie, Deana, and Cary, each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bro. Grady was a good man and will be missed by many. The Thornton Family - Bessie, Patricia, Doug, Tracy and Buster.

Patricia Irwin - November 06, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Grady Thomas Rushton.*



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November 06, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Valerie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grady Thomas Rushton.*

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**Valerie M.** - November 06, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *I assure the family and friends of Grady Thomas Rushton that I am praying for each of you. I treasure the times we have had to enjoy being friends and cousins. Mary, Ginny, Jackie and Cary, I wish I could be with you. Hope to see you soon.*

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**DanRachel West** - November 06, 2023 at 10:25 AM