



## Henry Joseph (Joe) Bustin

July 16, 1956 - December 3, 2013

Henry Joseph (Joe) Bustin, Jr., 57, of Laurel, Mississippi, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS,.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held on Friday, December 6, at First Baptist Church of Laurel at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Randy Turner and Bro. Shannon Slover officiating. Visitation will be held beginning at 12:00 noon at the church. The service will be followed at the gravesite at Indian Springs Baptist Cemetery. His life began on July 16, 1956, in Laurel as the only child of Henry Joseph Bustin, Sr., and Roberta Kay Houston Bustin. He grew up in the Shady Grove community, graduating from West Jones High School and Jones County Junior College before earning a landscape contracting degree from Mississippi State University. He married the love of his life, Janice Kaye (Jan) Ellzey, on June 6, 1980, at Indian Springs Baptist Church. In 1987, they were blessed with a daughter, Caroline Kay, and established their home Shady Grove community.

Joe was a wonderful husband, father, outdoorsman, and friend. He was an active member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Laurel. His greatest ministry was through his business of 18 years, Bustin Landscape Construction; God used him through this opportunity to impact others as a friend and mentor. His legacy will live on in the lives of those he touched and the physical beauty he helped to create.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta Bustin; grandmother and

grandfather, Iona and Max Houston; grandmother and grandfather, Troy and Grady Bustin.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Jan Bustin, and his daughter, Caroline; father, Henry J. Bustin, Sr.; precious in-laws, Jim and Marion Ellzey; sister-in-law Brenda Smith; niece, Danielle Rothley (Brian); nephew, Spenser Nations; and grand-nephew, Brantley Rothley.

His family would like to thank the kind nurses, doctors, and staff of Hattiesburg Clinic, Wesley Medical Center, and Forrest General Hospital for their care and support during Joe's long battle with cancer.

Memory Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers will be Mike Baughman, Steve McLaurin, Stan Burton, Adam Jones, Joey Ulmer, Herschel Sharp, and Ronald Bustin. Please feel free to sign the guest book at [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Henry Joseph (Joe) Bustin*

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**Sonya McRaney Sumrall** - December 13, 2013 at 04:05 PM

DC

“ *Jan, I am so saddened to learn of the passing of Joe. He was such a good man and a blessing to all who knew him. I pray that God will give you comfort and strength in these days. May you feel the many prayers and love that is being sent to you and your family.*

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**Deborah Carr** - December 11, 2013 at 06:18 PM

AN

“ *I remember Joe as a kind and gentle man. He provided us yard care when Allan was unable to do it while he recovered from his leg injury. May God continue to give you peace and strength in your time of grief.*

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**Allan & Linda Nix** - December 08, 2013 at 03:00 PM

CC

“ *(I am texting this on behalf of Robert & Nan Hathorn) Jan and Caroline, Our prayers are with you. Robert and Nan Hathorn*

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**Carol Cooper** - December 06, 2013 at 02:39 PM

KM

“ *May God swiftly grant you peace and a new normal. My heart goes out to y'all.*

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**Krysta McRae** - December 06, 2013 at 12:44 PM

NW

“ Jan and Caroline, We are so sorry and we will continue to pray for the two of you. We loved our friend Joe and thankful for the years of friendship. Our love and prayers to the two of you.

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**Norris and Ginny Wallace** - December 05, 2013 at 09:53 PM

MS

“ Joe, my good friend....rest in peace....my confederate brother. Keep us all under your watch and guide us with your hands.  
Mike

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**Mike Simoneaux** - December 05, 2013 at 09:20 PM

DJ

“ Jan, Caroline, & Henry J. We are sorry to hear of Joe's death. He was a very good person. Caroline, I know next weekend is your wedding. Be comforted that your Dad will be with all the angels looking on and bragging, "That's my beautiful and wonderful daughter." We will not be able to attend the service, but our prayers and thoughts will be with each of you. Sincerely, Don & Suzy Johnson

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**Don & Suzy Johnson** - December 05, 2013 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ Sorry for your loss, praying for you and your family

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**Dale strickland** - December 05, 2013 at 07:48 PM

MT

“ Jan and Caroline, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father. May you find strength, love and comfort through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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**Mark Trest** - December 05, 2013 at 02:30 PM

CB

“ *Jan and Caroline,  
The entire Houghton Mifflin Harcourt MS Team are sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in our prays. God bless you and your family.  
Best Regards,  
MS HMH Team*

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**Chana Brooks** - December 05, 2013 at 01:08 PM

JH

“ *When we look at the beautiful shrubbery In our yard we will always remember Joe. He landscaped in in the late 90'  
Jack& iris hilton*

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**Jack&Iris Hilton** - December 04, 2013 at 11:31 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry for your loss of a loving husband and father.*

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**Charlotte and Ralph James** - December 04, 2013 at 11:11 PM

CJ

“ *my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Cheryl Jordan** - December 04, 2013 at 10:54 PM

LW

“ *Jan, we are very sorry for your lose and will be praying for you and your family.*

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**Larry & Diann Walters** - December 04, 2013 at 09:36 PM

TB

“ *Jan and Caroline, My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss of Joe. He was such a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. Love you both, Tay*

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**Tay Baucum** - December 04, 2013 at 09:08 PM

AD

“ *Jan, I recently traveled the road you are on now, and I have been and are continuing to pray for you and your family. May God sustain Caroline and you.  
Ann Davis*

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**Ann. Davis** - December 04, 2013 at 08:36 PM

DH

“ *I was saddened to hear about Joe's passing. May HE be with and strengthen the family.*

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**Dennis Henley** - December 04, 2013 at 06:04 PM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your loss is heaven's gain!! Joe will always be remembered in the hearts of those who knew him! No more suffering, no sorrow, no tears in heaven! We will miss him!*

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**Judy Gray** - December 04, 2013 at 05:02 PM