



Hilton Harvison

April 14, 1922 - May 17, 2022

Hilton "Fats" Harvison, age 100, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022.

He is survived by his loving family, daughter, Kay Morris, and sons, Hilton Jr. (Peggy) and Bobby (Robin), eight grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Fats retired from the United States Postal Service, worked for many years at Roy Rogers Body Shop, but is greatly known and remembered for his sports broadcasting. He built the press box at Laurel High so that he could better serve the fans of Laurel on Friday nights. Much of his radio time was spent broadcasting dirt track races. Many locals will tell you Fats could make the event come alive on the radio with his detailed play by play commentating. If you ever spent time with Fats, you were for sure to get a history lesson or story from the many eras of his time. You might be in the Navy during WWII, at a jitterbug competition, a JCJC basketball game, or telling the stories of how NASCAR legends got started on dirt track. He was considered the voice of Laurel, Jones County, and beyond for many years.

Visitation will be 1:00-1:45 p.m. Friday, May 20th at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, with a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Graveside Service

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ What a privilege and honor to call Fats my step father but even more so..my friend 😇 I've heard many stories, shared many conversations, laughed, fellowship over meals with family on holidays. Some of my last home visits with Fats, he and I prayed together and I'm certain “that ole goat” is in heaven talking Jesus into letting him announce 😊
Praying for Kay, Bobby and family 🙏🦋🙏

Susan baughman - June 13, 2022 at 04:25 PM

MM

One of my favorite memories of Fat's was his announcing Basketball in Heidelberg. Three sisters, Gaye, & Faye, ((twins), & Carol Jean Leggett were forwards. You had to be there to hear him announce: Leggett to Leggett, to Leggett! He never missed a game! Oh! How he was loved! He will Never be forgotten, and there will Never be another FATS HARVISON! RIP MY FRIEND!

Marty Mcilwain - October 31, 2023 at 02:46 PM

LR

“ Best broadcaster ever in the Laurel area! He and Dennis Smith were a great duo!

“Wooooo doggie, that cat can run!”

Heaven is a better place with Fats calling the games!!

Lang Rogers - May 22, 2022 at 02:32 PM

BT

“ My heart broke today when I learned “Fats” had passed away. Fats was a kind, caring, loving, and giving man ... who will be terribly missed. I’m certain he’s already “calling” sports events in Heaven in his very unique “Southern Style.”

I am a better person for having been loved by Fats, and Heaven is a brighter place now that Fats is there!

Beth Taylor - May 20, 2022 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ Through the years, always a great friend. Jean H. Holifield

Jean H. Holifield - May 20, 2022 at 11:21 AM

JE

“ A true LEGEND!



Jan Ellzey - May 18, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilton Harvison.



May 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DG

“ Farewell my friend, you will be missed. I will miss all the stories you used to share.



Donna Graham - May 18, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JF

A true personality and broadcast legend of Laure! He enriched the lives of everyone who heard his broadcasts... thanks for the memories, "Fats"- Hilton. We are all enriched by how your life influenced all who followed your broadcasts.

jodee flynt-davies - May 24, 2022 at 03:43 AM