



Howard Rhett Reid

April 23, 1941 - January 22, 2026

Howard Rhett Reid, 84, died Thursday, January 22, 2026 at South Central Regional Medical Center.

He was a graduate of Ellisville High School, JCJC, William Carey College and was a diehard MSU fan. After proudly serving in the U.S. Army, he was employed by the MS State Employment Security Commission for more than 30 years to help military veterans find employment. Following his retirement, he worked at SCRMC in Guest Services and volunteered for the Christian Food Mission. He was a faithful member and longtime deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hollis and Lillian Reid, his brother Ronnie Reid, and sister-in-law Carolyn Reid.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alice Eure Reid of Laurel. The Lord blessed their marriage with four children whom they raised on Reid land. He is also survived by his three sons: Tim Reid and David Reid, both of Laurel; Matt Reid (Melissa) of Ellisville; and one daughter, Robin Ensign (Michael) of Laurel; a sister, Paula Reid of Taylorsville; a nephew, John Reid (Betty) of Petal; and a great-niece, Katie Pratt (Paul) of Petal. He was a proud "Papa" to his seven grandchildren: Kayla, Silas, Holly, and Bethany Ensign of Laurel; and Paisley, John, and R.J. Reid of Ellisville.

A celebration of life and worship will be at Bethlehem Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Dr. Cary Kimbrell and Michael Ensign will officiate.

Larry West, Jason Loper, D.L Gieger, John Reid, Silas Ensign, and Reid Myrick will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in his honor to the Christian Food Mission, Gideons International, or Bethlehem Baptist Church.

He was a man of deep faith, unwavering integrity, and devoted service to God, family, and country.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at Bethlehem Baptist Church from 4:30-6:30 PM. Funeral services will be on Monday, January 26, 2026 at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery

838 Reid Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
838 Reid Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

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

Bethlehem Baptist Church
838 Reid Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

DW

“ I express sorrow to the family and friends of Howard Rhett Reid. I pray our Lord's love, comfort and strength for each of you. I treasure our long friendship from when we attended Powers Elementary School together. I am thankful for Rhett's faithful witness and life of service.

Dan West - February 21 at 02:54 PM



“ So sorry Mrs Alice & family to hear about Mr Reid. He was such a good man. Be will be missed for sure. My love & prayers go out to you all. Sonya (Boykin) Spratlin

Sonya Spratlin - February 15 at 05:34 PM

JB

“ Joyce M Barnett purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Howard Rhett Reid.



Joyce M Barnett - January 30 at 04:25 PM

WJ

“ Dear Alice and Family, We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Rhett. We have such sweet and special memories of our times with you all so many years ago. We pray that God will fill the void with His amazing love and comfort and that precious memories will keep you strong in this sad time. Love and prayers, Wade and Nell Jordan

Wade and Nell Jordan - January 26 at 10:30 PM

CJ

“ *Charlotte Jackson lit a candle in memory of Howard Reid*



Charlotte Jackson - January 25 at 07:35 PM

AS

“ *All our love, Jim and Carol Sellers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Rhett Reid.*



All our love, Jim and Carol Sellers - January 24 at 06:37 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Howard Rhett Reid.*



January 24 at 12:56 PM

SA

“ *Dear Alice and Family, so sorry to hear of Rhett's passing. He was always a kind compassionate man and he was so nice every time we had to go to hospital to visit my mom. He would even come by to see her. Clice knew him all his life and respected him greatly. We can't come to service because of the weather up here, but will keep you in our prayers. Shirley Zugg Anderson and Clice "Andy" Anderson.*

Shirley Zugg Anderson - January 24 at 12:46 PM

WS

*I've know Rhett all my life. There's no question about it.....
I know where Rhett is today. No pain, no sadness and no
sorrows.Rhett is with our Lord and Savior. Never new a more faithful
man. Until we meet again in Heaven, big brother.
Love to Alice and family*

Wanda Smith - January 25 at 12:11 PM

AW

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a very kind man and worked with our
company many times helping with hiring employees. Praying for
family and friends during this time.*

Amy Williams - January 24 at 10:49 AM

LS

“ *Tim so sorry to about your dad I loved him and he was a good
baseball coach that was the good old days we will be praying for
you and your family love you all Lee and jamie Sullivan 🙏❤️*

lee Sullivan - January 24 at 10:07 AM

JT

“ *Mr.Rhett was always so nice & courteous &
helpful each & everytime you would see him
at South Central Regional Medical Center.
PRAYERS for his Family & Friends!! 🙏🙏🙏*



Jim & Janet Thornhill - January 23 at 08:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Rhett Reid.*



January 23 at 03:50 PM



“ *Rhett was a great man of God and everyone he met. We will never forget him. Eddie & Debra Blackledge*

Debra Blackledge - January 23 at 12:37 PM