



## Howard West

December 26, 1945 - November 14, 2020

On November 14, 2020, Howard West, loving husband, father, grand and great grandfather passed away at the age of 74.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janet Tew West; daughter Dusti West Overstreet; son Tracy West; three grandchildren, Justin West, Brooks Cooper, and Carlie West Overstreet; three great grandchildren, Jerrod Joshua, Cali Brook, and Bella Grace West.

Howard was born in Jones County, Mississippi on December 26, 1945 to Lihue and Gladys West who preceded him in death. He was one of eight children (three sisters and four brothers): Helen (Virgil) Welborn, Charlotte (Melton) Saul, Becky Stewart, Don (Faye) West, Leon (Judy Powell) West, Grady West, and Paul West; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He will also be missed by sister-in-law, Judy (Will) Williamson, brothers-in-law, Frankie (Vermell) Tew, Ricky (Sandra) Tew, Richard (Sharon) Tew, Vern (Becky) Tew, Jimmy (Jan) Tew, and John (Marsha) Tew, and special sister-in-law, Belinda Hamann, and niece DeLena Wade.

Howard served for 36 ½ years as maintenance director for Laurel School District. While there, he was honored with numerous awards, The Doug Hinton Award, Meritorious Award, and Golden Tornado Award. For his

commitment, ability, and leadership, the building located at 1049 Front Street in Laurel is named the “Howard West Maintenance and Transportation Building”, which was an honor he was humbled by. Some may even remember him during his twelve-year employment at Beard’s Feed Store.

Senior pastor, Shannon Pullen, will conduct Howard’s Going Home Celebration, assisted by Reverend Daniel Livingston. Graveside services are scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Family members will attend a private time of visitation prior to the scheduled services.

Pallbearers will be DeLena Wade, Clifford Welborn, Alex Lindsey, Keith Lindsey, Barry Saul and Donnie Hutto.

To view and sign online guestbook, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Precious neighbor and friend for decades. He will be sorely missed.* ”

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**Jan Ellzey** - November 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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“ *Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Howard West* ”



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**Jan Ellzey** - November 15, 2020 at 10:14 PM