



James Howard Pearson

December 17, 1930 - July 23, 2018

James Howard Pearson departed for his heavenly home July 23, 2018 after a long illness, surrounded by those who loved him.

Howard was born in Wayne County December 17, 1930 and the family moved to Jones County when he was about three years old. He graduated from Myrick High School in May, 1949 and in the fall of 1949 joined the US Air Force. He wanted to be an Air Force pilot but due to his eyesight was unable to fulfill his dream. Howard said, "I loved the military. The Air Force was good to me. I had a job I loved. I made many treasured friendships. I visited the nations of the world and I served my country." He retired from the US Air Force in 1972 as a Senior Master Sergeant. He received numerous citations for his distinguished service.

After his retirement in 1972, he and his Texan wife, Mae Cothan moved to Laurel with their young son, Jimmy. Shortly, after arriving in Laurel he was employed by the Swartzfager Ford Company. He worked as the Office Manager until his second retirement in 2000.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Flossie Harrison Pearson; his wife, Mae Cothan; and one brother, Harold Pearson. He is survived by one son, James W. Pearson of Ellisville; one sister, Faye Pearson of Laurel; one step-brother, Mack Tucker (Ann) of Laurel; 4 step-daughters, Linda Nolan (Al) of Griffin, GA, Christi Acord of Smyrna, GA, Ann McDonald of Leander, TX, and Pat Lakey of Dubuque, IA; 10 step-grandchildren; 8 step-great grandchildren, several step-nieces and nephews and cousins.

Howard was a member of Mill Creek Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Shriners. Among Howard's various hobbies were listening to Country music, watching football games and attending car racing events. He had a sense of humor that his friends enjoyed. He was known for being a hard worker, honest and being a true friend.

The family is grateful for the excellent care given by the caregivers: Lynn Porter, Lora Huddleston, Cassandra Strickland, Willie Hancock, Sam Gullett and Mae Heidelberg. We wish to thank the Deaconess Home Health and Deaconess Hospice staff and medical team for their compassionate and professional care during Howard's illness. Howard had a deep appreciation and respect for the long-term medical care he received and warm friendship extended to him by Dr. David Sullivan, Dr. Kenneth Grafton, Dr. Aremmia Tanious and Dr. Randolph Ross.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 26th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel. The funeral will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday at Memory Chapel and the interment immediately following at Myrick Cemetery. Rev. Bill Myers and Rev. Robby Johnson are officiating. The pallbearers are: Phil Dickerson, Gary Staples, Edward Strickland, Kristopher A. Lord, Sam Gullett, and Al Nolan. Honorary pallbearers are: The Men's Sunday School class at Mill Creek Methodist Church, Robert Allred, Vernon Brewer, Vernell Watkins, Rena Morgan, Cloyce Anderson, Randy Laird, Bonnie McLaurin, Janice Holifield, Ralph Campbell and Anita Adams.

Memory Chapel in charge of arrangements.

To view and sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapel laurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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memorychapel@comcast.net
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Service

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Mike Bresnok and brothers John and Joe purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James Howard Pearson.



Mike Bresnok and brothers John and Joe - July 26, 2018 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ We will miss James Howard because he was a dear friend to our family. He was a generous man who always had time to help others. He was a positive person who touched many during his life. There is no one else who could bring a smile or a laugh like he was able to. May all who knew him be thankful for his life.

Michael Bresnok - July 26, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Howard Pearson.



July 25, 2018 at 09:38 PM

RC

“ *Saddened to hear of Howard’s death. I shall always remember my good friend. Sorry we are out of town, but remembering you during this time. Keep looking Up for strength and faith.*

Ralph L. Campbell

Ralph L. Campbell - July 25, 2018 at 02:41 PM