



## James L. Windham

March 26, 1922 - October 25, 2016

James L. Windham, age 94, died at his home in Clinton, MS on October 25, 2016.

He was born and raised in rural Jasper County near Heidelberg, MS by his grandparents, Oliver and Inez Lightsey. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps. He married his high school sweetheart, Ellen Cook, also of Heidelberg, in 1948. At her insistence, he attended and graduated from Mississippi State University. His subsequent career as an insurance adjuster lasted 36 years. During these years, he accumulated many miles, friends, and stories on the roads and highways of Mississippi and Georgia that enriched his long retirement.

A devoted family man; he is survived by his two children, son Jamie Windham (Donna) of Memphis, TN and daughter Mary Dai Windham of Clinton, MS. He is also survived by two granddaughters, Evelyn Windham DiOrio (Andrew) and Hannah Windham, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Ellen Cook Windham, and his sister Delina Windham Newcomb Lyon.

Jim and Ellen were steady, quiet, and determined to do their best for their children and family, their neighbors, and their church - First United Methodist

Church of Clinton.

An avid gardener, James enjoyed growing unusual plants and took pride in growing the earliest, latest, and tastiest tomatoes in season from seed. Having worked as a carpenter as a young man, he also enjoyed woodworking his entire life. He could fix almost anything; often making improvements or engineering additional capabilities to things.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel in Laurel, MS on Friday, October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be at Memory Chapel on Saturday, October 29 at 2 p.m. immediately followed by a graveside service in Heidelberg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Clinton.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Heidelberg Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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/>

### Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Windham.* ”



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October 27, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Windham.* ”



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October 27, 2016 at 10:29 AM