



James Hugh Wansley

June 12, 1932 - March 3, 2023

James Hugh Wansley, of Laurel, MS passed away on March 3, 2023. He was born on June 12, 1932.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army and a Shriner. He was a member of Salem Heights Baptist Church and enjoyed his time in the Men's Sunday School Class. He enjoyed many nights of dominoes with his church friends. He loved and appreciated his Wednesday night suppers brought by his church family.

Hugh (Papaw) has been the absolute best husband, father, and grand-father that anyone could wish to have. When we start reminiscing, you can't help but to laugh as you hear all the fun adventures with him. From watching meteor showers, going down a slide in a blow-up canoe into the swimming pool and nearly drowning in the pool to telling one of the boys to jump into a frozen lake then falling down the hill trying to rescue him. Trying to get a great-grand son to run through a fountain fully dressed during a military graduation, hurricane Katrina "life lessons", riding a bicycle down stairs in his 60's, hanging lizards from his ears, wedding fun, golf cart rides, weekend breakfasts, overalls (even at the beach), bedtime stories (no one tells them better), playing on the cannon, his pipes, falling out of a pear tree onto Mamaw, losing the golf cart (while he was on it), the USA tattoo, tree house, paddle boats, 6 wheeler, the homemade zipline and dressing as Santa. He has fully participated in and

made memories throughout all of our lives and we all agree that he is one of the toughest and greatest men ever.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto Wansley and Louise Wansley; his brother, Lester Wansley; his sister, Joyce Blackledge; his daughters, Linda Wansley and Cynthia Hill; his grand-child, Clay Beech and by Mrs. Catherine Wansley.

He is survived by his wife Gertrude Wansley of Laurel; his sons, James (Jimmy) Wansley (Lisa) of Laurel, Sammy Beech (Teresa) of Laurel, Sidney Beech (Joyce) of Laurel and Stanley Beech (Lynn) of Laurel; his daughter, Teresa Wansley of Laurel; his siblings, Betty Byrd, Jerry Wansley (Jan), Jr. Wansley, Jack Wansley (Brenda) Twenty-One grand-children, Christopher Chamblee, Trixie Johnson (Shawn), Casper Wansley, Tyler Wansley, Michelle Price (Danny), Kenneth Holifield (Glorive), Chelsy Franklin (Josh), Erica Torres (Jordan), Stephanie Harrison (Andy), Stacie Pitts (Ricky), Jamie Lewis (Sonya), Shane Lewis (Angie), Paula Hill, Regina Lewis, Merry Catherine Evans (Jason), Nikki Beech, Candice Beech, Frankie Beech, Christy Sumrall (Bryan), Katie Moss (Vince), Stanley Jr. Beech (Teneil). He is also survived by 41 great grand-children, many great-great grand-children, nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at Salem Heights Baptist Church of Laurel. Visitation will be from 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. with funeral services to follow at 10:00a.m., Interment will be at Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery. Pastor Brent Benson will officiate.

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

Cemetery Details

Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery

5850 Hwy 84 West
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Salem Heights Baptist Church
5850 Hwy 84 W
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I love and miss you so much. You were the greatest Dad, Husband, and Grandfather anyone could ever ask for. Love, Teresa*

Teresa Wansley - March 09, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ *Teresa Wansley lit a candle in memory of James Wansley*



Teresa Wansley - March 09, 2023 at 04:28 PM

PW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Ms. Gertrude and family. Geoffrey and I are going to miss him terribly. He was the sweetest and kindness person you would ever meet. We loved visiting with him and Ms Gertrude. I know the angels were so glad to see him 🙏*

*Love and Prayers
Geoffrey and Pam Williamson*

Pam Williamson - March 05, 2023 at 09:25 PM

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“ When my daddy died, this sweet man told me that he would be my daddy now, and he was that to me. One of the absolute best! He was the very best Papaw my daughters could have had! I can honestly say that he loved each and every child, grandchild and great-grand child unconditionally, and they loved him! I will miss papaw so much and I will love him always! Rest in Peace. You have earned it!

*With love and prayers,
Lisa Trest Smith
Jerry W. Smith*

Lisa Smith - March 05, 2023 at 06:36 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days. Hugh was a great guy and we will miss him.

Amy and Phil Williams - March 05, 2023 at 05:50 PM