



Jan Leon Heisey

January 13, 1951 - May 27, 2026

Jan Leon Heisey, 75, of Taylorsville, Mississippi, entered into the presence of Jesus on May 27, 2026.

Jan was born on January 13, 1951. He lived a life marked by creativity, hard work, generosity, and deep love for his family and his Lord.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Freda Heisey; his daughter-in-law, Leah Heisey; his son-in-law, Ben Beachler; his parents, William and Alice Heisey; and his sister-in-law, Joyce Heisey.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Heisey, and children Stephanie (Brian) Wagler, Jennifer (Gary) Cassel, Michael (Melissa) Heisey, Melissa (Lyndon) Bechtel, and Matthew (Deanna) Heisey. He is also survived by his siblings: Larry Heisey, Duane (Dixie) Heisey, Dale (Connie) Heisey, Paul (Dianne) Heisey, Karen (Stephen) Blocher, and Steve (Renee) Heisey. Jan was a beloved grandfather to 13 grandchildren and great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and friends.

From an early age, Jan developed a love for drawing and art. While still in high school, he painted his first sign, beginning what would become a lifelong passion and career in sign-making. After working in several trades during his

younger years, he eventually found his calling in the sign industry. He worked in Pennsylvania for his mentor, Lester Miller, hand-painting signs before later purchasing the business, Miller Signs, which he operated for several years.

In 1988, Jan moved his family to Mississippi. After several years of working in the sign industry as an employee, he began painting signs in his garage. That humble beginning grew into Jan Sign Company, which became both his pride and joy. Jan faithfully served his customers through the business for 29 years until selling the company to his son Matt, and, as he liked to say, “semi-retiring.”

Even in retirement, Jan stayed active. He enjoyed helping with the business, spending time in his woodworking shop, visiting family, and blessing others through the things he created. He especially loved making small wooden toys, and loved to gift friends and family with them.

Jan had a deep appreciation for beauty, art, and design throughout his life. He dearly loved his family and especially enjoyed sharing his model train set with his grandchildren, faithfully running the trains whenever they came to visit.

Most importantly, Jan loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a faithful member of Maranatha Mennonite Church in Taylorsville, Mississippi, where he served as a minister for many years until retiring from the ministry in 2024.

Jan will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially by his family, who rejoice in the hope of seeing him again.

Visitation will be held at Taylorsville First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the same location on June 1, 2026, at 10 a.m. Jan will be laid to rest at

Fellowship Cemetery in Taylorsville, Mississippi. Memory Chapel of Laurel, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Fellowship Cemetery

MS Hwy 28
Tylorsville, MS 39168

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Tylorsville
125 Hwy 37 N
Tylorsville, MS 39168

Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Tylorsville
125 Hwy 37 N
Tylorsville, MS 39168

Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Tylorsville
125 Hwy 37 N
Tylorsville, MS 39168

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Sending prayers 🙏 for Jan's family and for Karen and Stephen and their family. Praise the Lord 🙌 you will see Jan again in Heaven.

Cheryl and Jim

Cheryl Wagoner Alexander - May 31 at 07:51 PM

DH

“ I'm saddened to see that Jan is gone. I worked closely with him on signage and other projects for Martin Motor Co. back in the 90s and 2000s. He was always as honest and straightforward as I could have expected anyone to be. If he said he'd do something, you could count on it! My most sincere condolences go out to the Heisey family. Rest well, Jan!



Dennis Henley - May 30 at 08:56 PM

MO

“ Mary and Bill OBrien purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jan Leon Heisey.



Mary and Bill OBrien - May 30 at 07:43 AM

WS

“ In 2004, a friend and I were traveling through the area and visited Maranatha Mennonite Church, and Jan and Freda invited us for lunch. I have good memories over their friendliness and generosity on that Sunday lunch time. I wish God's comfort and blessing on the family as they mourn his absence.
- Wes Sensenig

Wes Sensenig - May 29 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan Leon Heisey.



May 29 at 07:35 PM

EH

“ Employees of Wagler Custom Homes purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jan Leon Heisey.



Employees of Wagler Custom Homes - May 29 at 01:18 PM