



Jan Vrieswyk

May 24, 1941 - September 1, 2025

Jan Vrieswyk passed away peacefully in his home on September 1, 2025 surrounded by his family. Jan was born in Brandgum, Netherlands to Thomas Vrieswyk and Tietje Hellenga Vrieswyk on May 24, 1941.

Traveling on the ship, “the Maasdam” which sailed past the Statue of Liberty, Jan immigrated to the United States in May of 1960.

Jan was very proud that he obtained his US Citizenship and taught himself to speak as well as read the English language.

Jan loved his family, pointing out that he came alone to the US and marveled at how his family has grown with numerous members added through the years.

Jan was a hard worker. His love of gardening began at an early age and continued until he was no longer able to do that. He was a dairyman, served on the Hebron VFD including a term as their fire chief, and loved mowing grass.

He had a servant’s heart. He was a church deacon, ministering to the needs of others. He loved to share the gospel with everyone he met. He took great joy in serving as a Gideon and loved passing out Bibles at the fair each year.

He was well-loved and cared for by his family and friends with the assistance of Comfort Care Hospice who provided excellent care to him throughout the remainder of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Tietje Vrieswyk; brother Johannes Vrieswyk, sister Aaltje Wiersma, brother-in-law Hank Wiersma, son Edward Vrieswyk, parents-in-law Daniel and Kathryn Nelson, brother-in-law Walter Nelson, sister-in-law Dorothy Smith, brother-in-law Frank Smith, sister-in-law Jikkie Vrieswyk, and nephew Walter Kevin Nelson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Aurella Vrieswyk, sons Tom (Lara) Vrieswyk, Jacob (Kristin) Vrieswyk, and daughter Trina (Tony) Herrington, brothers, Douwe Vrieswyk, Durk (Meinie) Vrieswyk, sister Tsjettie (Folkert) Van der Velde, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Audubon Drive Bible Church on Friday, September 5, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at Audubon Drive Bible Church on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 10 a.m. followed with a graveside service at Hebron Cemetery officiated by Pastor Jerry Marcellino.

Pallbearers are Andrew May, James Ruth, Mark Reape, Bud McLemore, Jamie Lyons, and Stan Pickering. Honorary pallbearers are JT Vrieswyk, Ryan Vrieswyk, and Tom Vrieswyk.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideons International or Choices Clinic of Laurel.

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

Cemetery Details

Hebron Cemetery

43 Hebron Centerville Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **5**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Audubon Drive Bible Church
2601 Audubon Dr
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

SEP **6**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Praying for your family.*”

John W. Rhoden - September 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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“ A Life Well Lived

*From Holland's fields to Southern pine,
He carved a life with work and time.
A steady hand, a faithful heart,
In Mississippi, he made a new start.*

*Simple ways, yet rich in grace,
Strength and laughter filled his space.
His prayers, with accents thick and true,
Spoke to heaven, cut right through.*

*Rigid, yes—but never cold,
Integrity more prized than gold.
He built the order when none was near,
And still found room for joy and cheer.*

*His laugh—oh, how it filled the air,
The kind you felt was always there.
He could be hard, yet deeply kind,
A giving soul, with truth aligned.*

*He shared his food, his time, his song,
His faith that carried him lifelong.
A man of God, both strong and free,
Now rests in Christ eternally.*

*We gather here, not just in tears,
But in the love he left through many years.
A father, friend, so good, so true—
His faith lives on in many of you.*

Tom Vrieswyk - September 05, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Cindy and Virginia Powell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jan Vrieswyk.*



Cindy and Virginia Powell - September 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jan Vrieswyk.*



September 03, 2025 at 08:13 PM

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“ *Stephanie Zeigler (Santos) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jan Vrieswyk.*



Stephanie Zeigler (Santos) - September 03, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Sure am sorry to hear of Mr. Jan's passing have known him for many years with the fire service and him not living to far from my parents home, he will be missed traveling up and down the road below his home Prayers for his family 🙏🙏*

Larry Russell - September 03, 2025 at 02:26 PM