



Jimmie D. Mayfield

October 26, 1929 - May 28, 2026

Jimmie Donald Mayfield, 96, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on May 28, 2026, at his home in Laurel, Mississippi. Born October 26, 1929, in Mission, Texas, he lived a remarkable life defined by generosity, hard work, and unwavering faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harman D. Mayfield, his mother, Bertha Smith Mayfield, and his brothers, Winifred Mayfield, Harman Mayfield Jr., and Admiral Charles Mayfield.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 45 years, Rachel C. Mayfield; his son, Bruce Mayfield (Carol); daughters, Cathy Messer (Phil) and Brenda Leone; grandchildren, Kenny Rayburn (Heather), Kinsie Rayburn (Roy), Branden Leone (Laura), Lauren Welborn (Brent), and Mason Messer (Melissa); and five beloved great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

Jim was an entrepreneur by trade, but his true gift was serving as a mentor to preachers and businessmen throughout his life. In 1965, he founded Hearthside Haven Nursing Home, the first modern nursing facility in South Mississippi. He later expanded his ventures to include funeral homes, a monument company, and funeral insurance. In later years, he and his wife built Sugarhill Resorts in Laurel, MS, recognizing the need for a senior gated community.

Beyond his business achievements, Jim was deeply committed to serving his community. He held the high honor of being an Eagle Scout, a distinction he carried proudly from his youth. He faithfully served on the Laurel Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1976, leaving a lasting impact through his dedication and leadership.

He and Rachel shared a passion for travel. They were annual attendees to the storytelling festival in Johnson City, TN. They often expanded their travels exploring Russia, France, Ireland, and many other countries across the world. However, some of their fondest memories were made traveling with their kids and grandkids on various adventures in their motorhome named, Lollipop.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to Savannah Hill and the Gentiva Hospice team for their compassionate care during Jim's final days.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Monday, June 1, 2026, from 1:30–3 p.m. with service to follow. Jim will be laid to rest at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Major Charles Stewart will officiate. Pallbearers will be Kenny Rayburn, Brent Welborn, Bob Beard, Denis Borgis, Alejandro Jarillo, and Randy Welborn.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Laurel Salvation Army.

To sign the online guestbook, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Winifred Mayfield family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jimmie D. Mayfield.*



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“ *The Winifred Mayfield family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie D. Mayfield.*

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