



## John Thomas Bridges

August 2, 1944 - September 11, 2025

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John Thomas Bridges, 81, of Sharon, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2025. Johnny was born on August 2, 1944, in Laurel, Mississippi, to the late BT and Mary Nell Bridges. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ellen Bridges and Frances Lee Bridges. He is survived by his son, Chris Bridges (Tracy) and his daughter, Colleen Redmond (Britt); his grandchildren, Josie-Grace Bridges, Marlee-Ellen Bridges Snyder (Jonathan), Logan Redmond, and Mitchell Redmond; and one great-grandson, Liam Michael Snyder. He is also survived by four sisters, Janice Bridges, Susan Bartran (Roy), Carol Hickner (Joe), and Jane Towe (Michael), and a host of nieces and nephews.

After graduating from RH Watkins High School, Johnny attended Mississippi State University before joining the US Navy, serving on the USS America. While in the Navy, he took part in the Six-Day War with Israel recovering fallen soldiers.

During the Freedom Summer of 1964, while still serving in the Navy, Johnny was honored to be chosen to search for the four missing civil rights' activists in Meridian, Mississippi. After his naval career, he continued serving his country in the Air National Guard, retiring as a Master Sergeant.

In addition to his military service, Johnny also had a very successful career as an electronics engineer, retiring after nearly 30 years with Bell South.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Brookdale Memory Care and Gentiva Hospice for the care, kindness, and love they showed to Johnny.

Johnny's family will truly miss him, and will celebrate his life with a private service.

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

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Johnny was the first boy scout of troop 34 Sharon to receive the Eagle award. I am so so sorry for your loss.

ROGER D WALKER - September 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Johnny from school days. His sister was a good friend. Praying for God's peace and comfort during this time.

Amy Bish Williams - September 14, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LC

“ I worked with John at Bellsouth. He was a great guy! Sorry for your loss.

Linda Clark - September 13, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TD

“ I work at Brookdale Memory Care and have taken care of Mr Bridges. He always had a joke and a smile and he always had that spark to the very end!! I come to love Mr Bridges and will miss giving him a Coke every evening. He loves his Coke!!! Tammy DoNascimento Nurse at Brookdale Memory Care

Tammy DoNascimento - September 13, 2025 at 01:33 PM