



John Dee Hassell

July 10, 1929 - July 31, 2019

John Dee Hassell, 90, of Laurel, MS passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in Mobile, AL. He was born in Laurel, MS on July 10, 1929. He was the son of the late Maynard Mathis Hassell and Lois Vivian Seale Hassell. His wife of 66 years, Ellen Ware Hassell, passed away in December 2018.

Mr. Hassell was a 1947 graduate of George S. Gardiner High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict from September 1949 until July 1953. An experience he reveled in, his time in the service provided many entertaining stories about his experiences. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Laurel. A deeply faithful man, John taught youth Sunday school and served as a deacon in the church. His favorite time at church was greeting everyone on Sunday morning. He was a member of the Adult V Men's Sunday School Class composed of his many of his closest friends. His working career included working at the Office Supply Company (OSCO) for more than 30 years.

John's positive attitude and warm personality endeared him to all who met him. He lived to help others. John never met a stranger. He loved working on automobiles, and he could repair anything. He also loved fishing with family and friends. He was a longtime member of the Lions club.

He is survived by a son, David Robert Hassell, M.D. and his wife, Helene

Holleman Hassell of Mobile, AL and a daughter, Sharon Dee Hassell Bell and her husband, Thomas Bell, M.D. of Huntsville, AL. He is survived by a grandson, Alexander Davenport (Daven) Hassell and his wife, Sarah Donnell Hassell, M.D. of Denver, CO and a granddaughter, Helene Holleman (Holley) Hassell Cunningham and her husband, Pearson Kearn Cunningham, J.D. of Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by a great-grand-daughter, Amelia Davenport Hassell who was born on July 6, 2019.

He was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Hassell Beard and her husband, D. T. Beard.

Graveside Memorial services will be Saturday August 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Lake Park Hills Cemetery 2806 Emmy Drive, Laurel, MS. Doctor Randy Turner of First Baptist Church of Laurel will officiate. Members of the Adult V Men's Sunday School Class will be Honorary Pallbearers. Memory Chapel Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Adult V Men's Sunday school class or to your favorite charity.

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

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Sharon & David, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your Dad. May happy memories replace the sadness in your hearts. I'm sure your dad and my dad are already trading fishing stories in his glorious new home in heaven.

Cindi Holifield Phippen - August 03, 2019 at 09:46 PM

TH

“ David and Sharon,

Very sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your families in our prayers.

Terry & Dianne Hammonds - August 02, 2019 at 06:14 PM

 Sharon Barham

“ David and Sharon,
What do you say about the kindest, most "others first" person you knew? Your dad was a mentor and example of a Christian gentleman. I was so blessed to havr been with he and Ellen at FBC, Laurel. Prayers for your huge loss this past year.

Sharon Barham - August 02, 2019 at 03:12 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace. Mr Hassell was a very nice man that I knew through Office Supply.

Amy Williams - August 02, 2019 at 03:07 PM

AA

“ I first met Johnny Hassell in 1975. Throughout the years he was a great friend, warm, caring, and considerate. I never heard him speak negatively about anyone. He was the same every time we met. His picture should be in the dictionary beside the word "gentleman". The world has lost a wonderful man but heaven has gained a saint and he has now seen the face of his Savior. Rest in peace, sweet friend.

An associate - August 02, 2019 at 08:37 AM

CE

“ Praying for The Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

charlotte Ellzey - August 01, 2019 at 08:19 PM

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“ Charlotte Ellzey sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dee Hassell



charlotte Ellzey - August 01, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ So many memories of playing Kick the Can, football, and other games in the Hassels front yard. Good times growing up! Mr. Johnny & Miss Ellen were wonderful people. Prayers for David & Sharon. Hugs

Harvey Breazeale - August 01, 2019 at 04:54 PM

RT

“ Was neighbor to John & Ellen for years . One of the most wonderful families I ve ever known !!! God comfort this fine family in this time of sorrow

Richard Taylor - August 01, 2019 at 04:34 PM