



## John Edward Wesley

October 29, 1950 - May 10, 2026

John Edward Wesley was born in Russellville, Arkansas, on October 29, 1950, to Eddie and Sibyl Wesley.

He attended St. John's Catholic School followed by public school in Russellville. John completed his education at Arkansas Tech University in his hometown where he earned a degree in Business Administration. After college, he entered into full-time employment with Entergy. He moved up in the company until reaching the position of Accounts Servicing Manager. After forty-seven years with Entergy as a faithful and valued employee, he retired from the company.

In his leisure hours, John was an avid golfer and played on courses all over the country, as his travels for work afforded him the opportunity to do so. John was also a voracious reader, especially being one who fancied western fiction, and was a fan of television westerns.

During his career with Entergy, John lived in several cities in Arkansas, then a short stay in Louisiana, before settling in Mississippi. John made friends everywhere he lived and worked. It is important to highlight John's faithfulness to church attendance and corporate worship during his life. In his closing years, his faith only deepened and his devotion to his Lord and Savior grew in response to the Gospel.

John was a good and loving husband to his wife, Susie, of twenty-eight years. John and Susie lived in Madison County for twenty-five years before moving to Ellisville, Mississippi, in 2023. Shortly after, John and Susie became members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Laurel, MS.

After a fall in his yard and hip surgery, John had ongoing medical problems which culminated in his death on May 10, 2026, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. This date was significant because it coincided with the observance of Mother's Day and John was very close to his dear mother as an only child. Her life had been lived out at her home in Arkansas. During John's later years, he became quite the storyteller and loved recounting his boyhood years and early life in rural Arkansas' farming community. He had many adventures and misadventures to tell about involving cousins, other family members, and friends. His memories were sweet ones of a life well lived.

John is survived by his devoted wife Susie; three children, David (wife Hannah), Chance (wife Cassidy), and Amy; six grandchildren, Hunter and Heath Hayes, and Ava, Eleanor, Mary, and James Wesley; and great-grandchildren Halsyn, Wrenlee, and Wyatt Hayes. He also leaves a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Susie would add, "I will forever be grateful to my husband for his love, devotion, and support as we cared for our ailing parents in their last years."

Services will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Laurel at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Mike Allen will officiate. Pallbearers will be Justin Smith, Joel Smith, Jackson Smith, Taylor Lightsey, Kevin Holifield, and Joel Thaxton. Honorary pallbearers will be Dan Plaisted, Brad Jackson, and Trey Grissett.

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

In lieu of flowers, gifts to St. Jude Childrens' Hospital would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1200 Hwy 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ John was a great friend. When Cathy and I were looking to move to Madison John volunteered to show us around. I treasure the many long conversations John and I had over the years. We loved talking about golf, fishing and how blessed we were to have such wonderful coworkers at Entergy. Susie was his life. He loved talking about his family. The only silver lining in this loss is we will see him again when we reach the heavenly realm. We will miss him until that day comes. We are all better people for having known him during his time here on earth.

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**Bobby Brown** - May 17 at 12:13 PM

MJ

“ Mark J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Wesley.

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**Mark J.** - May 16 at 07:52 AM

RH

“ May God Bless the family at this sad time.

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**Rebecca Hodgtes** - May 15 at 10:20 PM

BJ

“ For many years, we enjoyed our 7a.m. Saturday coffee/dog playtime with John. We will always treasure memories of sitting on the patio watching the dogs play and listening to John tell stories that only John could tell. John was the most caring, giving and dedicated friend you will ever find. You will be missed “Ole Buddy”.  
Brad and Debbie

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**Brad Jackson** - May 15 at 01:46 PM

EF

“ *Entergy Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John Edward Wesley.*



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**Entergy Family** - May 15 at 08:11 AM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of John Edward Wesley.*



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May 14 at 10:14 AM

SK

“ *Steve K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Wesley.*

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**Steve K.** - May 14 at 08:58 AM

SK

“ *John was one of my favorite people. We shared a cubicle wall at Entergy, and I loved hearing his stories and shooting the breeze about life in general. We've lost a great guy.*

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**Steve Kelly** - May 14 at 08:54 AM

SW

“ Susie W. purchased the Golden Garden Casket Spray for the family of John Edward Wesley.



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**Susie W.** - May 14 at 08:31 AM

SW

“ Susie Wesley lit a candle in memory of John Wesley



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**Susie Wesley** - May 14 at 07:52 AM

GA

“ It was an absolute pleasure having the opportunity to work with John. One of the best I've ever known. He will certainly be missed. All my very best to the family. ---Greg Asbell

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**Greg Asbell** - May 14 at 01:13 AM

CU

“ Chance & Cassidy Upton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Edward Wesley.



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**Chance & Cassidy Upton** - May 13 at 09:09 PM

KG

“ John was a great friend. We had many special Entergy memories together. My greatest memory was John calling me last fall to tell me he had accepted Jesus Christ into his life. He was so excited. As sad as the news was of his passing, he is now resting in Heaven.  
You will be missed my friend.

Kenny Goza - May 13 at 08:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Edward Wesley.

May 13 at 06:12 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of John Edward Wesley.



May 13 at 06:12 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of John Edward Wesley.



May 13 at 01:51 PM