



## Julian Lewis Ratcliffe

October 23, 1953 - February 28, 2024

Julian Lewis Ratcliffe, 70, of Laurel, formerly of Heidelberg, born October 23, 1953, left his earthly home for his reward in Heaven on Wednesday morning, February 28, 2024, at Wayne General Hospital.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Oakland Grove Baptist Church. He will be laid to rest in the Ratcliffe Family Section of Heidelberg City Cemetery. Rev. Corey Vermilyea, Rev. Mike Powell, and Rev. Jimmy Holder will officiate.

He was a graduate of Heidelberg Academy and Jones Junior College.

Julian retired from Howard Industries as a Scheduler for the Pole Division in 2002.

Before his health declined, Julian traveled on many Church Mission Trips building churches and homes across the United States and making ceramics. He loved everything outdoors from plants and flowers to hunting and fishing with his cousins and fishing buddies and helping people in need. He always enjoyed his trips to the Great Smoky Mountains.

He was also known for picking with you or cracking a joke or two and by following it up with "If I'm not picking with you then I don't like you".

Julian was a member of Oakland Grove Baptist Church where he volunteered his time in the kitchen for church and community activities. In the last few years, he assisted the flower committee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, JB (Rat) Ratcliffe, Jr and Christine Welborn Ratcliffe Henderson; infant brother, Bobby Lynn Ratcliffe; grandparents, Herkel and Stella Varner Welborn and JB (Doc) Ratcliffe, Sr. and Bessie Wheeler Ratcliffe; sister-in-law, Jo (Charles) Tiner; and many aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Jelene Cleckler Ratcliffe of Laurel; son, Jason Lewis Ratcliffe of Magee; daughter, Julie Jelene Ratcliffe of Laurel; aunt, Lois Brownlee (Bobby) of Sandersville; and uncle, John Welborn (Ann) of Laurel; faithful neighbors, Mike and Brenda Gatlin, Leroy, Judy, and Allison Luke; loving friends, Charlie and Brenda Newcomb, Randy Sullivan, Mary and Buford Sumrall, and Laris Bishop; and many fishing buddies, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS and from 1p.m. till 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Oakland Grove Baptist Church, 2475 Pleasant Grove Road, Laurel, MS 39443.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Newcomb, Randy Sullivan, David Tiner, Mike Shoemake, Tony Brownlee, Charles Wayne Reynolds, and Wade "Shorty" Reynolds. Honorary pallbearers will be John Welborn, Buford Sumrall, Donnie Evans, Daniel Riley, Lucas Evans, Tim Pippin, Daniel Roney, Mike Gatlin, Leroy Luke, and Vic Lee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oakland Grove Baptist Church Flower Committee, 2475 Pleasant Grove Road, Laurel, MS 39443; or Gideons

International.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Heidelberg Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAR 2.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

### Visitation

**MAR 3.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Oakland Grove Baptist Church  
2475 Pleasant Grove Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

### Service

**MAR 3.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Oakland Grove Baptist Church  
2475 Pleasant Grove Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443



# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Jelene...We are so sorry to hear belatedly about Julian's passing. Jimmy wanted to call you, but we do not have a current number. Could you please give him a call at 601-428-1366? We love you all.

Jimmy and Alane Knight - March 11, 2024 at 12:41 AM

MJ

“ Praying for your family today and tomorrow so sorry for your loss. Julie love you and miss you see soon.

Love  
Melvin Scruggs jr

Melvin Scruggs jr - March 03, 2024 at 09:17 AM

PA

“ So sorry to hear about Julian. He was one of a kind. He will be missed by many. Love you girl. Praying for Gods comfort in the days ahead

Patsy Andrews - March 02, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LL

“ Sorry to hear about Julian we worked together in the late seventies at Howard's in the receiving and materials department. I left in 79 for the oilfield. I considered him a good friend. My sister Lecia West just let me know. I saw where he was at Wayne County Hospital if I had known about him there I would have visited him. I would have loved to visited with hi. We live in AL now. So Sorry Leroy Ladner

Leroy Ladner - March 01, 2024 at 04:31 PM

SC

“ Jelene, Jason, & Julie & Family, we were all so shocked, sorry & saddened to hear of the passing of your loved one...we ask the Lord to give all of you comfort, strength & peace during this sad & difficult time. We love you all.

Shelton & Rhonda Cooley

Scott, Julie & AnnClark Cooley

Ash & Aimee Cooley

Lessie Ree Clark

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**Shelton & Rhonda Cooley** - March 01, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DF

“ D. Howse, E.Cooper and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Julian Lewis Ratcliffe.



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**D. Howse, E.Cooper and family** - March 01, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JS

“ Jason So sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for you and your family.



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**Julie Shoemake** - March 01, 2024 at 01:07 PM