



## Julius "Judy" Wade King

August 2, 1922 - March 1, 2016

Julius "Judy" Wade King, 93, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in Dallas, TX. Judy was a committed Christian, loving husband, devoted father, jovial grandfather, committed businessman, community servant, friend to everyone, and eternal optimist. Judy was born August 2, 1922 in Lockhart, Ms. to Clara (Till) and James E. King Sr. After graduation from Heidelberg High School in 1940, Judy attended Jones County Junior College (JCJC) from 1940-1941. He graduated from Ole Miss with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1943. Judy then graduated as an Ensign-U.S. Naval Midshipman's School, Notre Dame University in 1943. Thereafter, he was on active duty in the South Pacific on the U.S.S. Pyro during WW II.

Judy was a resident of Laurel from 1946 until 2009. He started his career in the automobile business, and, in 1951, he began his career in the oil industry and real estate business establishing Julius W. King Oil Properties. He remained active in the business well in to his eighties. Judy was a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

Judy never waived from his commitment to the community he grew up in and in which he raised his family. Judy was an active member of First Baptist Church of Laurel and served as Property Acquisition Chairman to acquire property for the growth of the church. Judy loved First Baptist Church where

he was a long time member of the Senior 5 Mens Sunday School Class, and was blessed by the Pastors and staff over the 50 years that he was a member. He served as president and board member of the United Way of Pine Belt, president of the Laurel Jaycees, and two time president of the Laurel Country Club. He was a member of the Jones County Economic Development Authority. He also served on the Board of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art for 14 years. In 2004, Judy was honored to receive the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Jr. Auxiliary of Laurel. He was chosen as a 2006 Mississippi Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ageless hero for his community involvement.

Judy firmly believed that education was the way to help make life better for everyone in the State of Mississippi. He loved and supported both Jones County Junior College, and the University of Mississippi. Judy served as chairman of the Jones County Junior College Foundation. In conjunction with his brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James E. King Jr., he provided seed funds for the JCJC King Chemistry Center. Judy also served his alma mater, Ole Miss, as chairman of the University of Mississippi Foundation and Board member for many years. He along with his wife, Marion, endowed the King lectureship in Ethics at Ole Miss.

Judy dedicated much of his time and resources to helping build the Republican Party and an effective government in Mississippi. He was recognized as a Pioneer Republican by Jones County Republican Party having run for state senator in 1963. He served as Finance Chairman of the Mississippi Republican Party and traveled the state building the United Republican Fund of Mississippi. He served on the Mississippi State Republican Executive Committee and also served as State Chairman of the Mississippi Republican Finance Committee.

Judy's life was about serving others. He gave generously of his time and

resources to causes and institutions about which he was passionate, and which he thought would help the people of Mississippi. Judy never met a stranger and had friends near and far. He was a devoted husband, and loving Daddy and Granddaddy - "Popboo". Judy was often called a true southern gentleman-a title he lived up to until he took his final breath. In recent years while he suffered from dementia he never lost his joy, charm, and good sense of humor. He was kind and eternally optimistic. He always considered himself a blessed man, and the spirit of hope he carried with him came from his faith in his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Judy is survived by his daughters and their husbands: Lindy and Bill Penny of Ft. Worth, TX and Kendall and Keith Waggoner of Dallas, TX. His grandchildren: William Matthews Penny III, Oliver King Penny, James Lawson Penny, Wilson King Waggoner, and Anna Marion Waggoner. His older brother, mentor, and friend: James Ely King of Heidelberg, Mississippi. His nieces: Mary Ann Carlisle Blanchette and her husband Jon of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Jean King Haltom and her husband Dayne of Laurel, Mississippi, Kay King Hall and her husband Lewis of Sarasota, Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion King, infant son, Marion Wilson King, sister-in-law Louise Thornton King, sister Doris King Carlisle and nephews Bobby Carlisle and Jim Wade Carlisle.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Laurel, Jones County Junior College, the University of Mississippi, the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be Friday, March 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Laurel. A private graveside will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 5th followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. First Baptist Church Laurel. Memory Chapel Laurel, Mississippi is in charge of arrangements.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I'm greatly saddened to learn that Mr. King is gone from us. I have often described him as the prototypical "Southern Gentleman". He always sat for a chat with me when he came to Martin Motors for a visit. We'll miss your wit and wisdom!

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**Dennis Henley** - April 03, 2016 at 08:39 PM

HH

“ Lindy and Kendall, Our families go WAY back from Kosciusko. Your mother was actually in my parents's wedding and your grandmother lived on the same street I grew up. My father, Harry Hines, thought the world of your father. I always enjoyed the times when your dad would visit our home when in Kosciusko checking on your grandmother. You were both younger than my sister and me, but we played at your house many times in Laurel. Most of my family is deceased now, but I wanted to extend my sympathy to yours. Prayerfully, Holly Hines Hardy

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**Holly Hines Hardy** - March 22, 2016 at 01:50 PM

JF

“ Lindy, Kendall and family,

*We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful father! Our thoughts are with you.*

*Jodee Flynt-Davies*

*Joan Flynt*

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**jodee flynt-davies** - March 10, 2016 at 08:10 PM

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“ We were so very sorry to hear about Mr. Judy! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.  
God Bless!  
Terry and Carol Rowell

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**Carol Rowell** - March 10, 2016 at 03:56 PM

RG

“ Lindy, Kendall and family: I wanted to tell you how much we have been praying for you and your family on hearing this news. Your Dad was a special man and I always enjoyed our visits and he made me feel special. You will miss those many fun and special times and I can tell you to cherish your memories forever. May the Peace of Christ be with all of you now and forever. I hope to see you soon. Love, Roma Rahaim Graham, Rick, Dax, and Gabrielle Graham.

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**Roma Rahaim Graham** - March 06, 2016 at 08:03 AM

GG

“ Lindy and Kendal, my family and I were so blessed to have your family as neighbors in Country Club Hills. Babysitting you when you were just a toddler and baby was the beginning of my babysitting days as a teenager. My Mother, Maurene Johnson, who was an RN, would walk over to check on us. One summer I went to the beach with your family. You had wonderful parents; and you were precious little girls. I have many fond memories thinking back over the years. Love and Peace to you all.  
Gail Johnson Yoder Graves

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**Gail Yoder Graves** - March 05, 2016 at 06:33 PM

JF

“ *Lindy, Kendall and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Our thoughts are with you! Jodee Flynt-Davies & Joan Flynt*

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**jodee flynt-davies** - March 05, 2016 at 02:46 AM

MB

“ *Mr. King was the ultimate gentleman and will always be an inspiration to those that knew him.*

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**Margaret Sullivant Brown** - March 03, 2016 at 01:58 PM

LW

“ *Our State and Our Nation lost and wonderful Christian friend and true Patriot. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. I had the honor of knowing Judy and working with him in the MS Republican Party. Our prayers are with the family.*

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**Liles Williams** - March 03, 2016 at 09:11 AM

 AL  
Moore

“ *In the cloudy darkness of this March morning I am saddened to read of the passing of my friend Judy King. When I first arrived in Jones County Mississippi in 1990, I was blessed to meet Mr. King while attending a United Way Function. He ask the normal questions about my home , background, and education. From that day forward, I do not know just how he did it, but he must have introduced me 500 times to people as his good friend from Meridian. He truly had the ability and desire to make others feel special in a way which would have made Dale Carnegie envious. I have some wonderful memories of the good people from Laurel and Mr King will be missed for years to come.*

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**AL Moore** - March 03, 2016 at 08:51 AM

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“ *Such a great man and a long time friend of my family. Our little town of Heidelberg produced some of the greatest people and certainly he was one of the best. Mom remarked once that when he was home from college and rode through town in his convertible all the girls turned their heads. Wonderful family, great influence, deepest sympathy to all. Tom Lewis*

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**Tom Lewis** - March 03, 2016 at 06:42 AM