



Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick

January 6, 1926 - May 29, 2025

Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick passed from this life at Comfort Care Nursing Center on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at the age of 99. He was born in Jasper County on January 6, 1926, the 10th of 11 children of Charlie and Alda Ruffin Myrick.

L.O. served in the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Europe during the Korean War. After leaving active duty, he served in the Air Force Reserve for a number of years. He worked in the oil industry, then at Masonite, Southern Pipe and Supply, and Laurel Building Supply. He and his wife owned and operated Western Auto in Soso for a number of years. After they sold the store, he worked at Wayne Farms until his retirement at the age of 72. He continued to farm and raise cattle, baling hay and gardening until age 97.

L.O. was well known for his garden every year. Many people sought his advice for their crops. He was famous for the delicious tomatoes that he grew. He loved to share his produce with family and friends. Even after being confined to a wheelchair, he continued to supervise the garden.

He had a particular talent for being able to ride a bicycle backwards. He would sit backwards, facing the rear of the bicycle, put his hands on the handlebars, and ride. This trick delighted his grandchildren, and he could still do it past the age of 90.

L.O. was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary Alice Hill Myrick; his son, Bill Myrick; a grandson, Jason Helton; a great grandson, Lake Gray; 5 sisters: Opal Myrick, Virgie Myrick Mauldin, Lorraine Myrick Matthews, Flora Myrick Knight, and Verlon Myrick Chancellor; as well as 5 brothers: Otho Myrick, Doyle Myrick, Lavell Myrick, Lowell Myrick, and D.W. Myrick.

L.O. was a member of Big Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by 3 daughters: Linda Helton, Rosemary (Nelson) Hill, and Donna (B.L.) Brooks; 6 grandsons: Michael Helton, Robby Gray, Randy Gray, Dr. Rich Gray, Dr. Russell Gray, and Heath Hulon, as well as a granddaughter, Jodi Welch. He is also survived by 9 great grandchildren, and a special son-in-law, Joe Hulon.

Funeral services will be at Big Creek Baptist Church on Monday, June 2nd, with visitation starting at 1:00 p.m. and funeral service at 3:00 p.m. Grandsons Michael Helton, Judge Dal Williamson, and Dr. Rich Gray will officiate. Burial will follow in Big Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Robby Gray, Randy Gray, Russell Gray, Heath Hulon, Michael Welch, J. L. Welch, Kagen Welch, and Joe Hulon. Honorary pallbearers will be B.L. Brooks, Nelson Hill, and Dal Williamson.

The family would like to give special thanks to Becky Hill, Freida Merchant, Brenda Burgess, Ray Hill, Freddie Welch, and Cindy Williamson for all the kindness and love shown to their daddy.

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

Cemetery Details

Big Creek Cemetery

28 Big Creek Church Rd.
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Big Creek Baptist Church
28 Big Creek Church Rd
Soso, MS 39480
(601) 763-8100

Service

JUN 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember first meeting Mr. L.O. when I was just a kid. I would visit his Western Auto to buy accessories for my bicycle. Then throughout the the years becoming good friends with the family. He was a great man, friend to many.

Phil Kitchens - June 02, 2025 at 03:05 PM

MF

“ Malone & Ellis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.

Malone & Ellis Family - June 01, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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“ Malone & Ellis Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.



Malone & Ellis Family - June 01, 2025 at 09:37 PM

PK

“ Phyllis, Aubrey, and Larry Knight purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.



Phyllis, Aubrey, and Larry Knight - May 31, 2025 at 03:30 PM

RH

“ Ray and Judy Hill purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.



Ray and Judy Hill - May 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.

May 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lawrence Odell "L.O." Myrick.



May 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JS

“ Sending my condolences to a wonderful man. 🙏

Jason Shows

Jason Shows - May 30, 2025 at 02:08 PM