



Lumbley Miller Bankston

October 11, 1928 - February 3, 2020

Lumbley Miller Bankston was born October 11, 1928, at home in Anguilla, MS. He died at age 91 on February 3, 2020, at his home in Laurel, MS, following a long illness.

Miller was raised by his parents, Malcolm and Jennie Bankston, along with his sister, Betty, on farms in The Mississippi Delta and Hinds County Mississippi. At age 20, he met and fell hard for Lou Lawrance. After a short, honorable tour of service in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean Conflict, Miller went on to finish a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management at Mississippi State in 1954. While at MSU, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Shortly thereafter, he married Lou and began a career and family.

Miller lived in Natchez, Raymond, and Laurel, Mississippi, in his adult life. He was always active in the Methodist Church. In the mid-1960s, Miller became an active leader in the Boy Scouts. He continued as an active leader for 30 years and received the Silver Beaver Award for volunteer service with the Boy Scouts. He also served honorably in the Kiwanis Club, selling innumerable Pancake Breakfast tickets over the years. His longest work tenure was with Sanderson Farms. He began in 1963 and retired in the mid-1990s to a life of leisure.

Miller led by his shining example. He had many lifelong friends. His family loved and respected his kindness and honesty.

Miller is survived by his wife, Lou; his children: David Bankston, Lawran Richter, and Barbara Behrends; and their spouses Beth, Mark, and John

respectively. He is also survived by and found great joy in his five grandchildren: Sarah Bankston, Rebecca Behrends Vander Linde, Ben Bankston, Shannon Richter, and Jeremy Richter. And he was blessed with three great grandchildren: Jacey English, John Vander Linde, and Henry Vander Linde.

Services for Lumbley Miller Bankston will be held Friday, February 7, at First United Methodist Church in Laurel, MS. Visitation begins at 1:00 with the funeral service following at 2:00. A short graveside service will follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First United Methodist Church in Laurel, MS, or the Kiwanis Club of Laurel, MS. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ I was very sad to hear of Mr. Bankston's death. I knew him many years ago as the father of my good friend Lawran and the wife of my long-time girl scout leader, Mrs. Lou Bankston. He was a wonderful man and I am sure will be much missed by his family and friends. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Kate Holloway - February 09, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lumbley Miller Bankston.



February 06, 2020 at 01:17 PM

RW

“ Sorry for your loss. He lived a good life. Prayers for all.
Ronney Joe Webb

Ronney Joe Webb - February 06, 2020 at 10:27 AM

AS

“ Praying for your whole family as you celebrate the life of Lumbley Miller Bankston. I wish I could be in Laurel to pay my respects. God bless you all. Amy Singletary

Amy Singletary - February 06, 2020 at 10:22 AM

AM

“ I’m sorry for your loss of Miller. I know that there is very little others can do to alleviate the hurt and emptiness that you feel at this time. Just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please accept my sympathy. Anagene Mobley

Anagene Mobley - February 06, 2020 at 12:25 AM

AW

“ Worked with Miller at Sanderson Farms. He was a very kind, gentle man whom was well respected. Praying for all of you to feel God's peace and comfort during these days.

Amy Knight Williams - February 05, 2020 at 12:24 PM

MR

“ Mr. Miller was the sweetest and kindest man you would ever want to meet. I loved him and Mrs. Lou so much. May God bless and take care of Mrs. Lou as Mr. Miller has gone to be with the angels. He was a special Angel himself .

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