



Luther Madison "Matt" Herrington

September 28, 1930 - November 21, 2017

Luther Madison "Matt" Herrington passed away on November 21, 2017, at the age of 87 years old. He was born in Heidelberg, MS on September 28, 1930, to Madison Harley Herrington and Lettie V. Doggett Herrington.

After graduating from Heidelberg High School in 1948, he attended Jones County Junior College and Mississippi State University. He was an avid motorcyclist. Rumor has it that he rode with Elvis Presley. Numerous newspaper articles have been written about his exploits. One, in particular, described a time in 1950 when he was caught riding his Harley Davidson down the highway standing on the seat guiding it by shifting his weight back and forth, all while being pursued by the Chief of Police. He, no doubt, was a true adventure seeker at heart.

Matt served a tour of duty in the Army in the Korean War beginning in 1951 where he was awarded a Purple Heart and many other commendations.

He traveled the world as a Geophysicist, working in locations such as Kuwait, Northern Africa, Canada, Colorado and Oklahoma. He would eventually return home to Heidelberg where he spent his final years enjoying farming and his family. He could be found most days visiting with friends at J.R.'s coffee shop.

He is survived by his three sisters, D. Lanell Herrington Bennett of

Hattiesburg, MS, Bessie G. Herrington Miller (Cecil) of Moss, MS, and Mary Jo Herrington Blackledge of Laurel, MS; his son, Jeffrey Allen Herrington (Brandi) of Heidelberg, MS, daughter, Jill Ann Herrington Kunkel (Jeff) of Highland Village, TX, and daughter, Joy Amy Herrington of Covington, LA. Grandchildren are Kelly, Madison, Reid, Caroline, Hunter, Bailey, Zane, and Ty. Great-grandchildren are Colbie, Eden, Evie, and Everett.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William H. Herrington.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Mission at the Cross, 324 S. Magnolia Street, Laurel, MS 39440 or through the website, www.missionatthecross.com.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, November 24, 2017, with services following at the same location. Interment will be held at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery in Heidelberg, MS following the services.

Pallbearers will be Hunter Herrington, Bailey Nichols, Zane Nichols, Ty Herrington, Reid Kunkel, and Jeff Kunkel.

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

Cemetery Details

Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery

321 County Road 33
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Lanell, Bessie G. & Mary Jo, my thoughts ad prayers are with you and all the family in this time of sorrow. May the fond memories of growing up in the Corinth Community give you comfort. My last contact with Madison was several years ago when we shared our "family history." He will be missed.


Bonnie Jean Bankston Sorsby - November 27, 2017 at 11:35 PM

CP

“ Matt always had a smile for me every time I saw him; he was a fine man. Chris Posey sends condolences to the family. He will be missed.

Chris Posey - November 25, 2017 at 12:47 PM

EH

“ I'm sorry. Sweetest man. I named my youngest after him. Always loved the name Madison. For some reason I had never heard it growing up so the same stuck ! He will be greatly missed a quiet man but always smiling 

elizabeth herrington - November 22, 2017 at 01:16 PM

LL

Mary Jo I'm so sorry for your loss. We are ready to let our brothers go. I still miss mine for 49 years. You and your family are remembered in my prayers.

Lynda Loper - November 23, 2017 at 11:17 PM

MK

“ To the Herrington family,
Our hearts go out to you all at this time of sorrow. We send you our sincere condolences. I remember meeting Matt on the farm with Jill when her and Jeff's children were small, and him cutting open a watermelon for all of us to enjoy. I remember him as a quiet and gentle man.
We would like to remember Matt with a donation to MissionAtTheCross.com .

With love,
Maxine for the Kunkel family--Kevin, Susan, Lisa, Doug, Robbie,
Marsha

Maxine Kunkel - November 22, 2017 at 01:02 PM

JR

A good Godly man a blessing to all that knew him
and he was my friend jerry robinson

jerry robinson - November 25, 2017 at 03:37 PM