



Pascal Augustus "Gus" Townsend

July 23, 1932 - February 7, 2023

Pascal Augustus "Gus" Townsend went to be with his Lord & Savior on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, after a brief illness. He was ninety years old.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Bobbie Faye Long Townsend, in 2018. Also preceding him were his parents, B.C. Townsend and Lola Hosey Townsend, his brothers B.C. "Cliff" Townsend, Jr., James Richard Townsend (his identical twin), and William Frederick Townsend. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Laura Ishee and Rosemary Farragut.

Surviving him are his daughters, Maylon Bartran (Frank) and Dwelia Haas (Nick) and his son, Pat Townsend; also, his granddaughter, Ashley Gatzman (Chuck) and his grandson, Quent Haas (Karen) and his great-granddaughter, Laura Gatzman (Ole Sugar Babe). He is also survived by his sister, Ruthie Gavin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a kind and gentle soul who loved people. He served three terms in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1980-1992. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was past president of the Mississippi Chapter of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division Association. He was an original board member of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel. He also served as a long-time board member of the Council on Aging. He founded South Mississippi Advertising Company in 1977, a business his son and daughter still operate today. He

was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Sharon.

He was always a very active and energetic person who worked hard and played hard. He had a lifelong love for fishing and always enjoyed gardening. And he always enjoyed watching football. He lived a long and blessed life and was ready to go when his time came. He will be deeply missed by many.

Arrangements: Visitation at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 5:00-8:00 p.m. with the funeral following on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow the funeral at Sharon Cemetery. Pastor Matt Olson will officiate.

Pallbearers: Frank Bartran, Miles Farragut, Chuck Gatzman, Bart Gavin, Mark Ishee, and Tim Ishee.

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

Cemetery Details

Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kiah and Kayleen Townsend and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pascal Augustus "Gus" Townsend.*



Kiah and Kayleen Townsend and family - February 09, 2023 at 05:25 PM