



Ray J. Harris

August 21, 1953 - July 5, 2025

Ray J. Harris, age 71, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2025, at University Hospital in Jackson. He was born on August 21, 1953 in Louin, Mississippi. He attended schools in Smith and Jones Counties. Ray was a resident of Strengthford Community of Wayne County and a member of Strengthford Baptist Church.

Services will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Faith Chapel Church Cemetery located at 156 Poole Creek Rd., Laurel, MS. Bro. Josh Hawk will officiate.

Ray enjoyed working outside. His hobbies were his cows, his chickens, mowing, and maintaining his fish pond.

He retired as an oilfield consultant and worked many years in the oilfield industry for Lee Oil Services, Denbury Oil, and as a self-employed oilfield consultant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Katie Harris; his stepdad, James Wood; and two sisters, Frances Harris and Dinah Faye Harris. Ray also lost his beautiful wife, Mary Johnson Harris, in 2009.

Ray is survived by his wife, Carol; his four sons, Daniel (Renee), Greg (Jenay), Tim (Amy), and Joseph Harris (Constance); and two stepchildren, Valerie Shows (Willie) and Justin Phillips. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Dustin (Lexi), Joseph Ray (Heather), Jeremiah, Ethan, and Isaac. Step grandchildren are Shannon, Abbye Jo, Jena, Lanie, and Will. Ray also has two brothers, William Harris of Tuscaloosa, AL and Clint Harris of Mobile, AL.

Pallbearers are Greg Harris, Tim Harris, Joseph Harris, Daniel Harris, Jimmy Parnell and Justin Phillips.

The family expresses their gratitude for the love, thoughts and prayers during this time.

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

Cemetery Details

Faith Chapel Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed when Mr Ray stopped for a visit or call at Pryor Packers. He was a great person and will be missed. Karen Gatlin

Karen Gatlin - July 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ JERRY TOLBERT purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ray J. Harris.



JERRY TOLBERT - July 11, 2025 at 04:39 PM

BE

“ Beacon Offshore Energy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ray J. Harris.



Beacon Offshore Energy - July 09, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BE

“ Beacon Offshore Energy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray J. Harris.

Beacon Offshore Energy - July 09, 2025 at 08:55 AM

DF

“ Daniel Booker and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ray J. Harris.



Daniel Booker and Family - July 09, 2025 at 08:53 AM

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“ Daniel Booker and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray J. Harris.

Daniel Booker and Family - July 09, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray J. Harris.



July 09, 2025 at 08:21 AM



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July 09, 2025 at 08:21 AM

RR

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Ray but comfort in the fact that we will see him again when it's our time. I will be out of town Saturday, so will miss the funeral. God bless each of you and provide comfort during this difficult time.

Richard Rose

Richard Rose - July 08, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss . Mr. Ray was the sweetest man ever . My prayers are with you all .!

Melissa Sumrall - July 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

VH

“ My dad, Jack Hodge, and Ray were friends. Dad passed in 2013 but often spoke of Ray and how much he liked him. I pray for comfort during this difficult time. You were so blessed, as I was, to have such a once in a lifetime role model. I miss my Dad everyday.
Vanessa

Vanessa Hodge - July 08, 2025 at 04:00 PM

FF

“ From William Harris and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ray J. Harris.



From William Harris and Family - July 08, 2025 at 03:49 PM