



## Rhes V. Low

January 24, 1948 - March 10, 2020

Rhes Vernon Low, a life-long resident of Laurel, passed away loved and revered by his family and friends on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The Lord graciously allowed Rhes to walk this Earth for 72 years and spread the love of Christ throughout his family, fellowship and business.

As a product of living a life devoted to Christ, his time was spent dedicated to serving others. He served his wife as a dutiful and loving husband; he served his children as a wise and doting father; he served his buddies as a loyal and devoted friend; and he served his community as a patriotic, hardworking citizen and businessman.

Rhes was a member of First Baptist Church where he was a deacon, children's Sunday School teacher and member of his long-time men's Sunday School class. At 12 years old, in the halls of First Baptist of Laurel, he first saw his wife Marsha and remained by her side for the rest of his life. They were married for 49 years.

He was a co-owner of United Roofing and Construction Company before retiring to manage his property holdings and investments. As an added perk to his love of work, he spent eight years working as a real estate appraiser with Edward Boone Appraisal.

Rhes was a member of the Laurel Airport board, Veterans Memorial Museum board, a life honor member of the Rotary Club and former President of the Trustmark Bank board. He loved (and sometimes did not love) the athletic events of his alma mater, The University of Mississippi. In addition to time spent in Oxford, Miss. watching football, basketball, baseball and communing with family and friends, Rhes loved spending time in Orange Beach, Alabama. Whether sitting in his chair watching his grandkids play or taking a late afternoon cruise in his boat, he found immense joy in the salty air. Everywhere he went, he was accompanied by his four-legged rambunctious sidekick, Molly.

Rhes was preceded in death by his mother and father, Jo and John Low, his father-in-law Bernard Shuff, his brother-in-law, Mitchell David Mauldin, and Avery Belk his great niece.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Shuff Low, his children, Rhes and Alden Low of Oxford, Miss., and Lindsay and Bret Beauchamp of Oxford, Miss.; his grandchildren, Mattie Beauchamp, Rhes Low III, Luly Beauchamp, Hardy Donahoe, Holland Low, Grier Low, all of Oxford; and his mother-in-law, Mattie Shuff.

He is survived by his siblings, John Low IV (Elizabeth) of Amelia Island, Fla., Lucy Helveston (John) of Laurel, Miss., and Tineke Kermicle (John) of Olney, Ill.; his in-law's, Kay Belk (Jim) of Ellisville, Miss., Patty Anthony (Joe) of Laurel, Miss., Cheryl Johnson (Bill) of Foley, Ala.

Services will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020. Family and friends will be received in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church from 9:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. with the funeral service following in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate.

Serving as pallbearers are: Mickey Mauldin, Denny Read, Larry Callahan, Bill Renovich, Dick Yoder, Steve Ellis, Tommy Thames, Chauncey Tanner, Jim Johnson, Freddy Rayner. Honorary: The Men of Tom Blake's Sunday School class.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Family Life Center of First Baptist Church Laurel  
607 W 6th St  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

MAR 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Oh my precious friend Marsha, I just learned of Rhes' passing. I am grieved by your loss of your phenomenal companion. I have the best memories of his steadfast witness of a genuine Christian man. I pray that God will bless you with His comfort and strength.

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**Cathy Johnson** - April 21, 2020 at 12:43 PM

BF

“ Marsha, I just read about your loss of Rhes. I'm so sorry. He was such a kind person. I can't image what it is to lose one's spouse. You are in my daily prayer as well as your Mom and sisters. May God bless you all.  
Cousin Bill and Rosie  
PS, Brother Bryan sent me the link.

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**Bill Fountain** - March 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM

RR

“ Marsha, I was saddened to hear the news about Rhes. After I heard it, I spent a lot time reflecting on my time with him, you, (and Hoover!) at our house just off the square in Oxford. Rhes was one of the kindest people I've ever known. I had a quick wit, and infectious laugh, and generous nature. He touched many, many lives and he will be missed dearly.

*Russ Ridley*

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**Russell Ridley** - March 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

RR

“ Marsha, I was saddened by the news about Rhes. After hearing about it, I spent a lot of time reflecting on the wonderful times I had with him, you (and Hoover!) in our house just off the square in Oxford. He was one of the kindest people I've ever known. I'll always remember his quick wit, infectious laugh, and generous nature. Rhes touched many, many people during his lifetime and I know he will be missed dearly.

*Russ Ridley*

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**Russell Ridley** - March 16, 2020 at 03:16 PM

PW

“ Please know that you are all in my heart and prayers. Rhes was like another big brother to me growing up. I am sure Lucy, Tineke and I must have driven him crazy at times, but he was always good to us.  
*Patti Ellis Winstanley*

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**Patti Ellis Winstanley** - March 14, 2020 at 02:41 PM

RG

“ Marsha, to all of you and Lucy, and to the entire families may the Peace of Christ be with you all now and remain with you. Our prayers for all of you. Love, Roma Rahaim Graham



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**Roma Rahaim Graham** - March 13, 2020 at 10:38 PM

WB

“ -thoughts and prayers for your family.  
*Ward and Betty Brister*

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**Ward Brister** - March 13, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MC

“ When the Pike Brothers would have a heated discussion in the chapter room, Rhes would listen to all of the debate before speaking. We generally followed his reasoning of the situation. He could always see the big picture.

*Mike Cassady*

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**michael cassady** - March 13, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rhes V. Low.



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March 13, 2020 at 12:42 AM

PO

“ Marsha you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms around each of your precious family. Peggy Smith O'Connell

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**Peggy Oconnell** - March 12, 2020 at 09:19 PM

PR

“ I knew Rhes in high school and always liked and respected him. I never heard him say a bad word about anyone.

*I am sorry for your loss and the loss to all those who knew Rhes.*

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**Paul Roberts** - March 12, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss! Gail and I visited with Rhes and Marsha in Oxford just a few weeks ago. We were Pikes together many years ago and catching up on old memories was wonderful. John and Gail Pittman

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**john pittman** - March 11, 2020 at 11:48 PM

TA

“ Tom and Gina Anderson purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Rhes V. Low.



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**Tom and Gina Anderson** - March 11, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CW

“ Marsha, David and I are so sorry for your loss; we are thinking of you at this sad time. I always love seeing you two together as the perfect couple... and you know how much we love your son. His dad will be missed by all of Laurel. My condolences to the two families, the Lows and the Shuff family. May Rhes Low Rest In Peace.

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**Cynthia Walker** - March 11, 2020 at 08:22 PM

CT

Marsha, I was so sad to hear the terrible news about Rhes. What a loss for you, your family, and all of the friends that you two have cultivated through the years. Rhes was one of the most consistently kind and just absolutely sweet men I have ever known. Having lost my Dad suddenly and unexpectedly when he was only 74, I know something of the shock. However, having seen the mutual devotion that you and Rhes shared for all those years, I cannot begin to imagine the pain you must be feeling. You and your family will remain in my prayers as you go through this difficult time of adjustment. I hope that the realization that Rhes is now where we all want to be is of some comfort.

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**Carol Tillery** - March 13, 2020 at 01:08 AM

WL

*Marsha, Rhes and Lindsay,  
Wayne and I are so sad and are praying for your precious family. Our families shared so many wonderful memories through the years. We still treasure the pictures of our Devan that you shared with us. Rhes was such a great husband, Dad and grandfather. May the days ahead be filled with God's Grace and His peace that passes all understanding.*

**Wayne and Tommie Lowery** - March 13, 2020 at 01:57 PM

 Ginny Gough

“ Ginny Gough purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rhes V. Low.



**Ginny Gough** - March 11, 2020 at 07:25 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy. Prayers for family and friends.  
Jan and Glen Kinard  
(Janis Jackson - Class of 1966)

**Jan Kinard** - March 11, 2020 at 06:34 PM

AP

“ Rhes was a wonderful Pike and much beloved by all of us who were privileged to enjoy his company when he came to our luncheons in Oxford. He always brightened the occasion and brought joy to the table. Rhes had an aura of happiness about him. We are sad, because he left us too soon, but we also now that he will walk with God for eternity. With deepest sympathy, Al Povall

**Al Povall** - March 11, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rhes V. Low.*



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March 11, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *With my condolences to the family. Rhes has preceeded us on a wonderful path to the kingdom of heaven. Blessings to all of the family and friends now and going forward.*

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**Thomas Walker** - March 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Rhes and I worked out for many years at the Wellness Center. His friendship will be missed. Praying for the family at this time.*

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**Chuck Bridges** - March 11, 2020 at 03:56 PM