



Robert E. Burkes

June 2, 1940 - July 24, 2019

Robert E. Burkes passed from this life on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 following a long battle with cancer. He was 79 years old. He was a member and deacon of Lebanon Baptist Church. He loved his family and church family and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmo and Elma Burkes; brother, Steve Burkes; and sister-in-law, Martha Burkes.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, June Burkes; son, Eric Burkes; and granddaughter, Hannah Burkes; brother, Tommy (Jeanelle) Burkes; sisters, Mary (Buddy) Holifield and Marti (Walter) Spaulding; and a host of nieces and nephews and brothers and sisters-in-law.

His work history included Dixie Electric, Howard Industries, Masonite Lumber Division, and he was a cattle and poultry farmer for many years.

He served in the Air Force for four years.

Funeral services will be at Lebanon Baptist Church on Saturday, July 27, 2019. The body will be placed in the church for visitation from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral services to follow at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Lebanon Cemetery. Rev. Ken Riley, pastor and Rev. Harold Floyd will officiate.

Pallbearers will be men of Lebanon Baptist Church. Honorary pallbearers will be Rueben Bryant and Robert Pope.

Memory Chapel will be in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon Cemetery

460 Lebanon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lebanon Baptist Church
460 Lebanon Rd
Laurel, MS

Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ So sorry to hear about Bro. Burke’s. Mom has been in hospital all week and now at Wesley in Hburg. Letting you know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Connie Cantrell and Ruby Whitaker - July 30, 2019 at 02:48 PM

OC

“ June , we are so sorry for your Loss . MAY God Bless you and your family at this time . It was a joy to be in class with Robert. Ouida Thornton and Willis Cochran . .

Ouida Cochran - July 26, 2019 at 06:28 PM

DR

“ Donna Riles lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Burkes



Donna Riles - July 26, 2019 at 06:17 PM

HW

“ June so sorry for your loss
Prayers for you and your family
Robert will be missed by everyone that knew him

Hazel and Harold WELCH - July 26, 2019 at 02:09 PM

LF

“ My sympathy to Robert’s family and to all of us who were schoolmates with him at Calhoun School. He was a gentleman and a also gentle man. May his memory be a blessing.

Linda Parker Foshee - July 26, 2019 at 11:25 AM

TM

“ I have too many memories of him to post just one. But every day he would teach me something new.

Terrell McAndrews - July 26, 2019 at 10:15 AM

JP

“ Judy White Pitts lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Burkes



judy white pitts - July 25, 2019 at 11:12 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your lost. Our friendship goes way back when we met you all at church at Lebanon. Went to school with Marty. My mom and dad were Mutt and Joy White. Prayers are with you all. God bless and love to all.

judy white pitts - July 25, 2019 at 11:11 PM

DR

I worked with Robert at Howard Industries over 40 years ago. He was a wonderful man/person. My sympathies to the entire family!

Donna Riles - July 26, 2019 at 06:25 PM