



Robert H. Read III

February 17, 1938 - May 19, 2021

Mr. Robert Henry Read, III, went peacefully to be with our Lord at the age of 83 on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at his residence in Laurel, Mississippi.

He was born to Robert Henry Read, Jr., and Rosa Lee Read of Paulding, Mississippi on February 17, 1938. A loving husband and father, Mr. Read is survived by his wife, Kathy Gibson Read; four sons, Richard Read (John d'Addario), David Read, Frank Read (Melissa), and Paul Read (Molly); seven grandchildren, Sawyer, Mason, Layton and Ann Claire Read, Lauren and Chandler Nichols plus another baby girl due in September; two step-children, Donna Nichols and David Holifield; his brother, Dennis Read (Mary); dear family friends, H.W. Holleman (Jackie) and Peter Bowling among numerous other admired relatives and friends.

An avid Ole Miss fan, Mr. Read graduated from the University of Mississippi's School of Pharmacy in 1962, and he served as a preceptor from its inaugural year in 1974 to 2017. He proudly opened Read Discount Drugs in Laurel in 1970 where it continues to serve the residents of Jones County today. He was a board certified pharmacist in Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. Mr. Read was a member of the MS Board of Pharmacy for over 20 years, serving as the Board President in 1971 and again from 1985-1991. He was also a member of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association where he served as President in 1979. He was later recognized by MPHA for his community service and as

Pharmacist of the Year.

Mr. Read was also a dedicated member of his community. He was a longtime faithful member of First Baptist Church of Laurel where he served on the Foundation Committee, the Finance Committee and as an usher. He also served as a board member for The First and South Central Regional Medical Center. A lover of nature, Mr. Read and his sons were recognized with the Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist award in 2003.

Visitation will be from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Laurel with the funeral immediately following at 11:00 a.m. then interment at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will be officiating the service. Pallbearers will be Dr. Thomas Blake, Tom Chambers, Dr. Jack Evans, Dr. Doug Jefcoat, Jim Laird and Chandler Nichols. Honorary pallbearers are H. W. Holleman and Dr. Thomas Anderson. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Foundation Fund at First Baptist Church of Laurel or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ I didn't know this sweet man had went to be with Our Lord and Savior! Mr. Read was a fine man and I thought the world of him. I'm so honored I got the opportunity to work for him for almost three year's and enjoyed every minute of it. We had a lot of laughs, but he also gave me great advice when I needed it, and I always looked forward too it. I know he is missed by so many, me being one! Prayers for his family.

Tracey Williamson - December 04, 2021 at 02:45 AM

JT

“ Jim & Janet Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Read III



Jim & Janet Thornhill - June 04, 2021 at 06:58 PM

MG

“ Sorry for your loss. He was a very sweet man and a good pharmacist. He will be remembered and missed by many.

Memory Graham

Memory Graham - May 25, 2021 at 01:40 AM

VL

“ Robert was a fine Christian man and we thought the world of him. He was an Ole Miss fan and we are Miss. State fans. Every time we saw him, Robert and my husband, Keble, would start up about who they supported and who was going to win. They could come up with some stuff. We are going to miss him. Love and prayers to the family.

virginia and keble luter - May 22, 2021 at 10:52 AM

CF

“ Robert will be greatly missed . He was my first pharmacy mentor. Taught me much not only pharmacy but serving customer needs. He always stressed to me to take care of customers. I have many good memories with Robert in Gardiner center. My prayers for family. 🙏🙏🙏

Claude Fox - May 21, 2021 at 05:00 PM

GS

“ Robert was always so nice to our family. We thought the world of him. He will be missed.

Gail Shaw - May 21, 2021 at 08:52 AM

JP

“ Judy White Pitts lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Read III



Judy White Pitts - May 20, 2021 at 10:56 PM

JP

“ Kathy and family I am so sorry to hear of Roberts passing.He was the sweetest man I have ever met.He cared so much for people and always had the sweetest smile.Myself and my parents used him when he started Reads drug store .May God wrap his arms around your family at this time .God Bless you all. Judy White Pitts

Judy White Pitts - May 20, 2021 at 10:55 PM

SH

“ Susan Holmes lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Read III



Susan Holmes - May 20, 2021 at 08:52 PM

GD

“ Gene and Lynn deMedicis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert H. Read III.



Gene and Lynn deMedicis - May 20, 2021 at 04:13 PM