



Robert John Polson

February 19, 1925 - August 6, 2022

Robert John (Spider) Polson passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel with his sons at his side. He was born in Laurel, MS on February 19, 1925 and was 97 years of age.

Robert was a good and faithful servant to God and his family. He was a life long member of West Laurel Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for many years. He had an infectious personality and was a positive influence on so many people during his lifetime and was well respected and dearly loved.

Robert was employed with Masonite Corporation and retired after 40 years. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy (1943-1945) and US Navy Reserves (1948-1976). He served aboard the USS LCI(L)-41, USS LST-174 and received many honors for his service to include a Presidential Unit Citation, American Theater Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He retired from military service in 1976 as a Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (HTC).

Robert was a member of the VFW and American Legion Post 11 and is a member of the Elite Group 40/8, 11/05 Voiture Locale No. 297 of Laurel, MS.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Tommie Nell Polson, his

son James Ray Polson, his parents John and Isabelle Polson and fourteen siblings.

He is survived by his sons, John Thomas Polson, David Polson (Donna), granddaughter Danielle Jozette Polson (Jo Ann) and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel.

Visitation 9-10am

Service 10-11am

Graveside Service to immediately follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery

Pallbearers:

David Polson, Charles (Charlie) Bryant, Buddy Blackmon, Danny Byrd, Mark Munn, Doug Boler and Ronnie Jones

Honorary Pallbearers:

Stan Polson, Stewart Foley and Deacons of West Laurel Baptist Church

Special thank you to the following for the care and support of Mr. Polson: Christian Food Mission, Dr. Julie Ford (VA Clinic - Hattiesburg), Anita Boose (Comfort Care), Erin and the Team at Amedisys Home Health and the ICU staff of SCRMC.

Officiant: Reverend Steve Jackson of West Laurel Baptist Church

Music by: Jimmy Knight

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Mr. Robert was a fine man and lived a Godly life. Always treated people kind. He served our country with honor. I send my deepest sympathy to the Polson Family.*

Council woman Grace Amos - August 09, 2022 at 10:47 AM

RH

“ *I've seen him witness to people who would come into the church when I worked there. He was always just a call and 5 minutes away and took every opportunity to tell others about Christ. A great Christian man.*

Robbie Headrick - August 08, 2022 at 05:28 PM

LB

“ *Larry and Prissy Burrus purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert John Polson.*



Larry and Prissy Burrus - August 08, 2022 at 12:44 PM

AW

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a fine, kind man to so many. I am sure he was received with "Well done, Faithful Servant". Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.*

Amy Williams - August 08, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert John Polson.*



August 08, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry for his death but know he was welcomed by so many family members and his Savior, Jesus Christ! Thankful for our last visit with him Feb. 2022 the day before his 97th birthday! My Uncle Buddy/Spider Polson was such a joy to visit and learn more of family history! So sorry we can not attend services but recovering from back surgery. Prayers for all my family members and friends! Niece, Sheila & Ed Childers, Houston, Texas.*

Sheila Childers - August 07, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ *In memory of my wonderful Uncle Spider, grateful for his love and the joy he brought while on earth and thankful that he is in his heavenly home with Aunt Tommie, Ray-Ray, Papa, Mimmie and all of his brothers and sisters. I love you and will miss you dearly Uncle Spider!*



Jennifer Rodriguez - August 07, 2022 at 03:37 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Robert John Polson*



Jennifer Rodriguez - August 07, 2022 at 03:26 PM