



Shermon Miles Welborn Jr.

February 1, 1929 - October 29, 2022

Shermon Miles "S.M." Welborn, Jr. passed away October 29th 2022 at Guardian Angels in Ellisville. S.M. was a staff photographer for the Laurel Leader Call newspaper for decades from the 1960s. His photographs documented Laurel civic events, Tornado football touchdowns, golf tournaments, and weddings. He would take portrait photographs at his studio for families and brides. S.M. also photographed President Kennedy and President Ford in New Orleans while working by assignment for the Associated Press.

S.M. was a member of the McDonald's Breakfast Club which includes Phil Hosey, Frank Cox, and Paul Wood. Rick Carter and Frank Taylor, who have passed, were also at that breakfast table.

In retirement S.M. loved to play golf, visit garage and estate sales on the lookout for golf clubs and bags to refurbish and sell. He also would buy and sell golf carts as a hobby. When he could not play golf any more, he would hang out at Bear Creek Golf Club then at Dixie Golf Club Pro Shop with Anna, Mike, and Rich.

S.M. was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman Welborn Sr. and Cayce Hosey Welborn, and his wife, Louise Graves Welborn. He is survived by his daughter, Del Welborn, who moved back to Laurel in 2019 from Port Aransas,

Texas to help her father.

A special Thank You goes to the wonderful staff at Guardian Angels Personal Care Home, Southern Care Hospice, and Della Gordon who chauffeured and cared for S.M. over the past 6 years.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home will handle arrangements. Please sign online guest book at www.memorychapellaurel.com.

A graveside service will be held at Ellisville Cemetery adjacent to Jones College on Saturday, November 5th at 11 a.m.

S.M., as a member of First Baptist Church of Laurel, was comforted in his last years during his many bouts of pneumonia by the hand written Prayer-Grams. The favorite prayer-gram that was posted on the refrigerator said: "God alone provides comfort that calms our nerves, fills our minds with hope, and allows us to relax even in the midst of changes and challenges."

In lieu of flowers, please donate to First Baptist Church, 607 W. 5th St., Laurel, MS., 39440 and designate donation to Children's Fund in memory of S.M. Welborn.

Cemetery Details

Ellisville Cemetery

Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Del, I am so sad to read of your Father's passing. He and your Mother were always so welcoming to me when you had me over to spend the night. Fond memories. Sending you love and prayers.*
Perri

Perri Boteler Wood - November 12, 2022 at 02:43 PM

 Anna
Case

“ *Im going to miss you visiting us at Dixie Golf Club. We love and miss you already.*
My Prayers are with Dell and her family



Anna Case - November 08, 2022 at 04:00 PM

CD

“ *Such a nice man. We sometimes had breakfast together if we both happened to be in McDonalds. He loved his family dearly and talked about how proud he was of his daughter.*

Carol Dunston - November 08, 2022 at 10:10 AM

TB

“ I will miss you & our porch visits so very much!! Until we meet again
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Torrye Bonnette - November 02, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JV

“ Rest In Peace Uncle SM. Condolences and love to Cousin Del.



Julee Vance - November 01, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ Mr. Welborn will be missed. He was a joy.

Connie Hoover - November 01, 2022 at 02:23 PM



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Memory Chapel Funeral Home - November 01, 2022 at 12:43 PM