



Dr. Thomas R Howell

February 15, 1936 - February 9, 2016

Dr. Thomas R. Howell, 79, of Laurel, born February 15, 1936, passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2016, at Memory Chapel in Laurel.

Throughout the nearly eighty years of his life, Dr. Thomas R. “Tommy” Howell exhibited a passion for excellence and a passion for service to his country and his community. He graduated from Jones County Agricultural High School in 1955 and immediately embarked upon an educational path that took him to Jones County Junior College where he graduated with an Associate degree. Following graduation from JCJC, he attended The University of Southern Mississippi earning a Bachelor of Science degree before graduating from The University of Tennessee with his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1965. He returned to Laurel and was one of the original founders of Laurel Family Clinic. He then completed his Surgery Residence in Birmingham, Alabama and practiced General Surgery for many years in Laurel at South Central Regional Medical Center. He also proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve earning an Honorable Discharge in 1962.

Throughout his medical career, Dr. Tom Howell was dedicated to his patients and his colleagues and literally helped thousands of people with their medical

concerns. Dr. Howell loved his family, his colleagues, and his patients with uncommon zeal. His devotion to the practice of medicine earned him many accolades; however, it was always his patients who came first and for whom he sacrificed his time and utilized his God-given talents. Without a doubt, he will always be remembered for his compassion for those who came to him seeking medical aid as he upheld the highest traditions of the Hippocratic Oath.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Dot Gibson, Edna McWhorter, Lucy Boler, Roger Howell, and Jimmy Howell.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Howell; son, Kyle Howell and wife, Lori; daughter, Dana Howell; daughter-in-law, Carmen Rowzee; six grandchildren, Savannah Bauer, Harleigh Howell, Wyatt Howell, and Jacob Bauer; and two step-grandchildren, Charles Benjamin Smith and Madelyn Smith.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for the times with aunt Martha's horse Honey, and the great times we had at the Indian school things with cousin Fig, God rest your soul sir, and if Aunt Martha is still here i love you ma'am. Best memoirs a little boy could ever have. Most love always

Adam Godfrey Carpenter - November 27, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ T. R. was the "most down to earth" person we have had the privilege of knowing. He was not only a Great Doctor, but a Great Man! He will never be forgotten. Our prayers and condolences to the family.

Gene & Debbie Phillips
Grafton Rd, Laurel, MS

Debbie Phillips - February 16, 2016 at 04:56 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this news. Martha, Dana, and Kyle you are in my prayers. May God bless each of you. Margaret Lockhart

Margaret Lockhart - February 11, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss.
Your neighbors from across the road,
Jimmy and Alane Knight

Alane Knight - February 11, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ Words truly cannot begin to describe how much Tom Howell meant to me. He shaped my life from the time I was a little girl. He was a mentor to me, seeing the best in me and encouraging me to work hard and be the best I could be. He always saw the potential in me even when I did not. By far one of the smartest and kindest men I ever knew, he had a quiet strength that I admired so very much. He impacted my life deeply and I will miss him much.

Martha, Dana and Kyle please know that I am so sorry for your loss and my heart mourns with you. I pray that you have God's peace knowing that things are so much better now than they've been in a very long time. I love you all, Stacey Calloway Ready

Stacey Ready - February 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM