



## W. Jay Mason

October 23, 1933 - November 22, 2014

Wilmer Jeremiah (W. Jay) Mason age 81 of Ellisville, Mississippi went home to be with the Lord on November 21, 2014. Services will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Monday, November 24th at 10:00 am with burial to follow at Serenity Gardens in Waynesboro Mississippi. Visitation will be on Sunday evening November 23rd from 5 to 8pm at Memory Chapel.

Mr. Mason is preceded in death by his parents, C. P. and Ethel Mason; and brothers, Julian Mason, Dan Mason and C. P. Mason Jr. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Carolyn Lightsey Mason of Ellisville. His three children Karen Mason Holloway (Glenn) of Soso, Jay Speed Mason (Donna) of Laurel, and Terri Mason Kelly of Ellisville. His five grandchildren Manderly Holloway Hill (Chris) of Soso, Heather Mason Tolbert of Laurel, Cari Mason Windham (Jason) of Laurel, Jillian Holloway of Madison, and Mason Kelly (Sheri) of Ellisville. Eight great-grandchildren; Jackson and Andrew Hill of Soso, Hunter and Gage Buchanan, Bryson Tolbert, Tyler Leggett, Hallee Kate and Graton Windham, all of Laurel. His sister, Margret Mason Duvall of Waynesboro and a large host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Mason was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ellisville and was a Gideon. Mr. Mason spent his adult life coaching, teaching, and educating children. He proudly served the communities' and student bodies' of Sandersville School, Runnelstown School and West Jones High School during his 32 years as a coach and principal. He also served a term as a Jones County School District Superintendent of Education. Those who knew Mr. Mason knew that he was also passionate

about his family and his hobbies of fishing and deer hunting. He was avid member of the Dixie Bass Master Club, where he served in many capacities. He was also a member of the Southern Bass Fishing Team Trail. In the fall of the year, he could always be found at his farm looking for the big bucks and shelling pecans. He will be lovingly remembered by his family as a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Pastors Paul Brashier and Tommy Brill will conduct the services with Albert Short, Dickie Welborn, Jimmy Thomas, Lonnie Cochran, Bo Tidwell, and Stanley Keyes serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Keble Luter and all the members of the Dixie Bass Masters.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Mr. Mason will always be remembered and missed*

Linda Hanrahan Beech - October 06, 2015 at 03:18 PM

RH

“ *Sorry to hear of Mr. Mason's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a very caring man for everyone he met . May God comfort all of you during this time of sorrow.*

ronnie & patricia hinton - November 25, 2014 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Sherry 'Windham' Corley - November 24, 2014 at 09:58 PM

SG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Mason was a very special person. We have great memories of time spent and conversations we had with him over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mason family at this sad time.*

Sharon and David Grasha - November 24, 2014 at 03:03 PM

AB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and praying for comfort and peace. Class of 1987*

Amanda Braswell - November 24, 2014 at 02:52 PM

KG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Karen Tidwell Gatlin - November 24, 2014 at 01:51 PM

SV

“ JAY, DONNA AND FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER. MR. MASON WAS A GREAT MAN AND WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO MET HIM. WILL KEEP EVERY ONE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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**SUSAN VARNER** - November 24, 2014 at 12:45 PM

MA

“ Carolyn, I was so saddened to learned of Jay's passing on Sunday. My heart goes out to you and your family. May our loving Father wrap his arms around you and yours in the days ahead. Sending my love to you. Marion

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**Marion** - November 24, 2014 at 11:55 AM

GC

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Mason meant a lot to me back at West Jones. He'll be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Greg Coker** - November 24, 2014 at 11:21 AM

BW

“ It saddens our hearts to hear of your loss. We enjoyed many fishing trips with Mr. Mason. He was a wonderful principle to all the students at West Jones. He will live in our hearts forever

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**Betty and Harlan Waldrup** - November 24, 2014 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS . MR. MASON WAS MORE THAN A PRINCIPLE AT WJH HE WAS ALSO A GOOD FRIEND. HE HAS TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES IN PEOPLE IN SO MANY WAYS , HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. CLASS OF "83"

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**DOUG STEWART** - November 24, 2014 at 09:35 AM

DR

“ I am certain that I echo a host of people when I say that Mr. Mason was a very special person, encouraging me to pursue my dreams but also correcting me when I needed it. He was never one to stay locked behind the doors of his office; he much preferred to stroll around campus and mingle with "his" students. His was a life well-lived, and I am proud to have known him. Remembering you and your family during this time of sorrow.

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**Debbie (Webb) Rigby** - November 24, 2014 at 09:34 AM

GM

“ W. Jay Mason

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**Gavin & Sylvia Murphy** - November 24, 2014 at 09:34 AM

RS

“ I will forever cherish my time spent with Jay at the farm. The teacher in him was always just below the surface. Working alongside Jay he taught me many things not only about the many projects he always had going but also about how to be a selfless caring person who always put family and freinds concerns before his own. I will always remember bush hogging at the farm thinking I was alone. When out of the corner of my eye catching a glimpse of Jay on another tractor appearing out of nowhere with much aprisheated help. This was just one of a mountain of kind jestures Jay gave me through the years. He will be dearly missed, however his attributes will be left with family and friends and countless others he touched. Richard

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**Richard & Lesia Stewart** - November 24, 2014 at 09:19 AM

MC

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I will be praying for you all!!

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**Mrs. Paul Carney** - November 23, 2014 at 10:17 PM

MB

“ Praying for your family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. He was a very sweet man.  
WJHS Class of 1986

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**Melissa Ingram Blackledge** - November 23, 2014 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ Praying for your family.

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**Sema Lee Wood** - November 23, 2014 at 05:27 PM

SL

“ Praying for your family!!! We all loved Mr. Mason!!!! Mr. Mason was the BEST Principle and person to be able to fill that position for all the years we had him as our principle!!! RIP Mr. Mason and we will NEVER forget you!!!

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**Suzette Lofton Lowe** - November 23, 2014 at 05:20 PM

JF

“ Coach was a great man. He touched more lives thna he ever new. He will be missed but God got a good man. Sorry for the familys lost.

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**John J. Thomas and family** - November 23, 2014 at 11:10 AM

JB

“ James

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**James Bass** - November 23, 2014 at 10:20 AM

RS

“ To my Aunt Carolin and all my cousins We are sending our prayers and love your way. May The Lord comfort you at this time and bring you blessings for the future. Uncle Jay will be surely missed. A leader and a wonderful example to all of us. He always made us feel safe and loved. With our deepest sympathy to all the family and friends. God bless us all.

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**Richard and Lesia Stewart** - November 23, 2014 at 08:50 AM

PB

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May the Lord bless you all!!

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**Pam Buchanan** - November 22, 2014 at 11:20 PM

DL

“ *A loss to us, but a gain in heaven?*

Debbie Vinzant Link - November 22, 2014 at 10:17 PM

SM

“ *May God Bless and Comfort You During This Time. Susie Melvin Sterling*

Susie Melvin - November 22, 2014 at 09:22 PM

MG

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was well loved by all of his students. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Mr. & Mrs. William (Bill) Garick - November 22, 2014 at 06:15 PM

AB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for God's comfort and peace for you and your family.*

Amy Busby - November 22, 2014 at 05:32 PM

PA

“ *Karen, Terri, Jay and Mrs, Mason you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pamela Lowe Argubright - November 22, 2014 at 03:38 PM