



## Willard Ray Rose, Sr.

December 18, 1931 - July 18, 2022

Willard Ray Rose, Sr. passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on July 18, 2022. He attended Laurel City Schools and graduated from Calhoun High School. Willard attended JCJC until called up for military service in the Army National Guard. He retired from the USDA as a meat and poultry inspector after 22 years of service. Willard was a faithful member of Bethel United Methodist Church. His hobby was growing vegetables which he shared with family and friends. If there is a vegetable garden in Heaven, Willard will be in the middle of it.

Willard was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Ann Rose; his parents, James Rose and Velma Rose; his brothers, R.L. Rose and Laston Rose; and a sister, Nita Smith.

Willard is survived by a sister, Mary Ann Chamblee; four children, Ray Rose, Deborah Pitts (Tony), Laura Fitzgerald (Frankie), and Richard Rose (Rita). He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Heather Halley, Ashlee Shiver (Jared), Nilrey Rose, Wayne Pitts (Lori), Jennifer Pitts, Courtney Pogue (Aaron), Sara Knox (Daniel), David Rose, Allison Smith, Daniel Rose (Kelly), Ryan Reid (Heather), and Derek Reid (Casey).

Willard is also survived by 22 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, plus a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and very dear friends.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Hebron Cemetery in Jones County. Bro. Sammy Napier and Bro. Jim Rose will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Pitts, David Rose, Daniel Rose, Jared Shiver, Aaron Pogue, and Daniel Knox.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hebron Cemetery

43 Hebron Centerville Road  
Soso, MS 39480

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 9:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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memorychapel@comcast.net  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

VH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Rose passing. I would have come to the service. I loved him and Mrs. Rose so dearly. You are all in my prayers. Much love, Vanessa Hodge

Vanessa Hodge - July 26, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ So sorry for your loss I know the feeling and it will be hard but God can get you through it

Shelia Hodge - July 26, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of your father and loved one. Praying for God's peace and comfort to your family in the days ahead.

Nell Gieger  
David and Angela Gieger Rudolph

Angela Rudolph - July 21, 2022 at 12:38 PM

CP

“ Debbie so sorry for the loss of your daddy he was a great man we loved him very much and always enjoyed his visits up there at your house He will be miss

Carolyn pitts - July 20, 2022 at 11:37 PM

MJ

“ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Debbie and Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories that will last for a lifetime. Be Blessed. Love you.

Masserina Jones - July 19, 2022 at 07:19 PM