



## William "Bill" Roger Dodd

March 15, 1934 - February 4, 2026

William "Bill" Roger Dodd was born March 15, 1934 to John Alton and Maudie Dodd in Laurel, MS. He passed from this life on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Forrest General Hospital at the age of 91. He was with his loving family when he passed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Alton and Maudie Dodd; wife Myrna Nell Jolly Dodd; brothers John Alton Dodd, Jr., and Dennis Hugh Dodd; and older sister Alice Garside.

He is survived by his loving sons, David and Steve, Steve's sweetheart, Tracie Walters, her grandchildren Sophie and Bubba Phillips (whom he dearly loved), and his younger sister Deanne Oliver.

He graduated from George S. Gardiner High School May 30, 1952. He attended Mississippi State College and graduated from Mississippi State College January 28, 1956. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and was a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi. After graduating, he taught one semester at Mississippi State College while pursuing a master's degree. After accepting a position at Masonite Corporation in June of 1956, he returned home to Laurel, resumed his romance with a local beauty he met at Ole Miss, and finally wed the lovely Myrna Nell Jolly, the love of his life on June 2, 1957. They were blessed with

two sons, David Alton Dodd born one year after their marriage, followed by Stephen Neil Dodd five years later. Sadly, Myrna passed away in 2009 after 52 years of marriage.

His long and productive career with Masonite Corporation lasted for the next forty-one-and-one-half years. He also received a patent #6132656 for the “consolidated cellulosic product apparatus and steam injection methods of making the same.” After retiring “officially” from Masonite in 1997, he continued working as a consultant on and off for the next 25 years for Masonite. He might have retired, but never quit.

After his second career as a consultant, he turned his attention to family. He loved doing yard work, fishing, and being the caretaker of his clan.

He was raised in West Laurel, living on 13th Avenue close to the old cotton gin (now 5th Street). Along with his family, he attended and learned of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at West Laurel Baptist Church. In his later years, attendance may have not been stellar, but his belief and love of God never faltered.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Memory Chapel followed by graveside services at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Allen Hill, David Clapp, Trey Crumpton, Greg Smith, Mike Chancellor and Bubba Phillips.

To view or sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapel Laurel.com](http://www.memorychapel Laurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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Memory Chapel Funeral Home - February 08 at 03:06 PM

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“ Brian and Vickie Sloan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Roger Dodd.



Brian and Vickie Sloan - February 07 at 05:48 PM

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“ Kevin O. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Roger Dodd.



Kevin O. - February 07 at 03:00 PM

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“ Kevin O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Roger Dodd.

Kevin O. - February 07 at 03:00 PM



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**Memory Chapel Funeral Home** - February 07 at 11:35 AM



“ *Richard Garside purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Roger Dodd.*



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**Richard Garside** - February 06 at 08:48 PM



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**Richard Garside** - February 06 at 08:48 PM



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**Memory Chapel Funeral Home** - February 06 at 05:04 PM

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“ Carol, Debbie and Diana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Roger Dodd.



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**Carol, Debbie and Diana** - February 06 at 02:08 PM