



William Earl Purdum

August 12, 1932 - May 31, 2021

William Earl Purdum, age 88, died May 31st, 2021, at The Landmark of Collins. Earl was born August 12, 1932, in Birmingham, Alabama to Catherine Louise Brand and William Frederick Purdum. One of six children, he was raised in Mobile, AL and Laurel, MS. He attended Jones County Junior College and Mississippi State University, studying electrical engineering before returning to Laurel to work for his father at Purdum Electric Company.

Earl was an army veteran serving in the Military Police in the Korean War. In 1956, he married Woodie Gill of Laurel. They celebrated 63 years of marriage together. He acquired Purdum Electric Company in 1965 and operated his business until his death. He enjoyed flying and piloted his plane the "Papa Charlie" for many years. As an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel, he exhibited a great love for studying the Scriptures.

Earl is survived by his son Randy (Lisa) Purdum of Laurel; daughter Angie (Roy) Brandell of Wausau, WI; grandchildren, Chris (Lindsay) Purdum of Collins, Jeremy (Mackenzie) Purdum of Jackson; Mimi Brandell of Minneapolis, MN; Erica Brandell of New York City, NY; and great-grandson Hudson Purdum of Collins. He is preceded in death by his wife Woodie, two brothers, and one sister.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, June 2nd at 10 a.m. at Hickory

Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Senior Pastor Bill Blair of Trinity Baptist Church will officiate. Memorial gifts may be sent to Trinity Baptist Church, 35 Trinity Road, Laurel MS, 39443.

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

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery
Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall



“ *Many fond memories of your Mom and Dad as really an important part of my family...they were married in our home and for many years we enjoyed so many activities together...both Woodie and Earl were so very special to me and I cherish my memories of the love we all shared! Praying for you as you grieve but rejoicing that we all will be reunited in Heaven one day!* ”

cheryl rayner wheelis lott - June 12, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Remembering your parents with happy memories. Love and prayers, Sharon Barham* ”

Sharon Barham - June 03, 2021 at 10:29 AM