



William Estes (Bill) Wallace

May 31, 1939 - July 28, 2019

Third generation of a pioneer Laurel Pharmacy family, William Estes (Bill) Wallace died at home on July 28, 2019.

He loved his family, his church, and Laurel. He will be remembered as a man who was not afraid of hard work, who enjoyed helping others, and who was happiest when working at Wallace Drug Store or Reddy Freddy Car Wash. Wallace Drugs has been open for 121 years, and he was the owner for the past 40 years.

Mr. Wallace was born May 31, 1939, in Laurel to Mattie Mae and Lew Wallace. He graduated from George S. Gardiner High School and received a B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Mississippi where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He was the pharmacy director at Ellisville State School and Wayne General Hospital during his early career before assuming ownership of Wallace Drugs.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger Clark Wallace, his daughter, Amy Wallace Nosef of Jackson, his brother John Wallace, M.D. of Laurel, and two granddaughters, Rebecca and Lindsey Nosef of Jackson. He is also survived by two nieces, Nancy Jane Wallace Evans (Keith) of Richton and Pamela Wallace Black (Mitchell) of Hammond, LA, and his cousins Adele Wallace of

New Orleans, LA and Howard Wallace of Nashville, TN. Mr. Wallace was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Dawkins Wallace, his daughter Rebecca Anne Wallace, his parents, Mattie Mae and Lew Wallace, and his brother, Lew Wallace, Jr.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at First United Methodist Church in Laurel. Visitation will precede the service at 1:30 P.M. A burial service will follow at Lake Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Brandon Black, Mitchell Black, Tony Blakeney, Raleigh Cutrer, Keith Evans, Joe Michael Robertson, and Joel Pierce. Honorary pallbearers are James Davis, Wyatt Davis, Don Hall, Barry Landrum, Ray McPhail, Billy Sumrall, Charles Sumrall, Tony Thaxton, Harry Upton, and Billy Williamson.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to First United Methodist Church, 420 North 5th Avenue, Laurel, MS 39440.

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

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Cemetery

1303 Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Bill Wallace was a great man, had the pleasure of selling him his car wash supplies since the early 90's. Just was looking at a post card he sent me with his pharmacy on the front. We have all lost a friend!!!!*

Keith

keith - August 02, 2019 at 02:33 PM

MD

“ *Mona Davis lit a candle in memory of William Estes (Bill) Wallace*



Mona Davis - August 02, 2019 at 09:57 AM

LC

“ *So thankful to have known Billy and his family. He was a man of integrity. Always was such a sweet man. When our son Mark was sick with cancer, there were times he would come out at night and get medications he needed. He never complained. My husband Tubby and both his brothers worked at one time for Wallace Drugs. RIP Billy and I know you are rejoicing being with your earlier family.*

Linda Clark - July 31, 2019 at 12:42 AM

BH

“ *Mr. Wallace was family always smiling I was always looking for him he just brought a smile to your face. R.I.P you will be deeply missed.*

Bonnie Haley - July 30, 2019 at 11:03 PM

VB

“ Bill and I were very good friends. We duck hunted at Bogue Homa and had some really great times. He was probably the worst shot of anyone I knew but he would still go hunting and have fun. Rest In Peace, Bill. My thoughts are with your family. Vernon Biglane

Vernon Biglane - July 30, 2019 at 10:25 PM

BT

“ Mr. Bill Wallace was quite a gentleman. We will always be thankful for his generous hospitality. Being greeted at the door of the Wallace home by him was always a joy. Ginger's beautiful floral arrangements were always in our photographs. The food was always delicious. Being included in the Wallace events gave us an opportunity to rekindle friendships. Bill and Ginger made the perfect host and hostess team. Thank you for the beautiful memories. Rest In Peace, Mr. Bill Wallace.
Bonnie and Armia Tanious

Bonnie Tanious - July 30, 2019 at 05:25 PM

LM

“ Remembering with such fond memories you & all your lovely family; 'y'all' will continue to be in my thoughts & prayers now & always.

LA McGinnis - July 30, 2019 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ Nancy, we are so sorry for the loss of your Uncle Billy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jimmy and Mitzi White. (Richton)

mitzi white - July 30, 2019 at 09:06 AM

GB

He taught me how to work and have good work ethics he helped my family multiple times and will never forget Bill Wallace 🙏

Greg Brown - July 31, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Estes (Bill) Wallace.*



July 30, 2019 at 08:55 AM

CB

“ *I've known Billy since the age of 10 when he, Barry and Harry were already their own little "gang!" What fun times we had and Billy was always the one who kept us laughing. He will always be a big part of my wonderful memories of growing up in Laurel. Rest in Peace, my sweet friend. Cindy Karer Barrow*

Cindy Karer Barrow - July 30, 2019 at 07:14 AM

GH

“ *GEORGE HOUSE lit a candle in memory of William Estes (Bill) Wallace*



GEORGE HOUSE - July 30, 2019 at 01:33 AM

SA

“ *Mr. And mrs. Wallace were always very kind to my mother Tina Zugg throughout the years. She was more than just a customer even when they were so very busy, they took that extra step to take care of their patrons. Thank you for your service to the community. Shirley Zugg Anderson.*

Shirley Zugg Anderson - July 29, 2019 at 10:22 PM

MA

“ *We were so saddened to learn of your loss. We thought so much of Bill, and will remember him as a valued friend and pharmacist. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Moose and Mary Margaret Anderson*

Mary Margaret Collins Anderson - July 29, 2019 at 09:46 PM

SG

“ *He was such an awesome man, so very friendly and helpful and may God bless his family and friends and prayers are with you all !!!!*

Sandra Gray - July 29, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MW

My sincere condolences to his family I loved to go and talk to Mr Wallace he was full of wisdom and a very kind man .I pray that laurel knows the lost is huge he was a man who lived family and laurel .gone but never forgotten.

Mildred Williams - July 31, 2019 at 04:54 AM

MB

“ *Hugs and prayers of peace and comfort to all of you. Wish we could be there.*

michael and margaret brooks - July 29, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Estes (Bill) Wallace.*



July 29, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Estes (Bill) Wallace.*



July 29, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ *Bill was an early mentor in my pharmacy education. I learned much from him and his brother Lew while I worked at Wallace Drugs. His family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Terry Copeland

Terry Copeland - July 29, 2019 at 03:41 PM