



## William H. Pope Jr.

September 10, 1938 - April 7, 2021

William Henry Pope, Jr., 83 of Laurel passed away on April 7, 2021 at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. Visitation will be 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2021 before service. Service will be Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Shady Grove. Burial will be in First Baptist Church Shady Grove Cemetery.

William Henry Pope, Jr. taught school for over 40 years. Mr. Pope had a Master's degree in chemistry and biology. He taught school at Hughes, AK, Mississippi Delta College, Watkins High School, Mississippi Baptist College, Laurel Christian School, and Jones County Junior College. He retired from Jones County Junior College after 28 years.

William Henry Pope, Jr. was preceded in death by his parents: William Henry Pope and Viola Bunch Pope, his wife: Hilda Pearl Holifield Pope, his son: William Henry Pope, III (Trey), brothers: Floyd Pope, Lloyd Pope, Homer Pope, Garland Pope, Harold Eugene McCoy, and sister: Irene Pope Smith.

He is survived by son: Joseph Donald Pope (Jay) of Laurel, daughter-in-law: Denise Pearce Pope, grandson: Brady Donovan Pope (Adrian), siblings:

Waymond McCoy, J.W. Pope, Hubert Pope, Violet Pope Corley, and Roy Pope.

Caregivers: Norman Rhodes – live in caregiver and considered son, Nancy Kitchens – caregiver, and Gary and Linda Logan – caregivers.

He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Pope most favorite companion and friend was his chihuahua, Taco.

Mr. Pope loved his family and family gatherings. The family reunions were his most favorite times of the year. He loved having a beautiful well-kept yard and beautiful blooming flowers. He was always a kind and generous person. He was always willing to help everyone in need.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 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

APR **11**. 3:00 PM (CT)

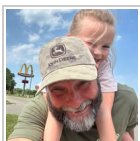
First Baptist Church of Shady Grove  
4514 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *Mr Pope was a wonderful and gifted teacher. He taught me chemistry at Jones Jr College many years ago. He was a funny and great teacher and person. Thank you Mr. Pope for all you did and all you taught so many students, Jane Webb Johnson.*

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**Martha Jane Webb Johnson** - April 18, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Mr. Pope was one of my favorite teachers at JCJC. Excellent Chemistry teacher and friend. Mr. Pope and his son came to my house one day to look at my cow's, and my pet bull kept nudging Mr. Pope to pet him. He knew Mr. Pope was a kind person. You will be missed but remembered at the same time. Dr. Matthew Rex Burnham. You were the reason I sought after a PhD. Thank you...*

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**Matthew Burnham** - April 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BS

“ *I first met W. H. In 1966 when he first began teaching at R. H. Watkins High School where I was a student teacher. We were on the same faculty there and later at Jones Junior College. He was the consummate educator who loved teaching and especially his students. My condolences to his family.*

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**Basil C Smith** - April 09, 2021 at 06:10 PM

DW

“ *Mr. Pope was one of my favorite instructors at Jones. He made chemistry fun. I also had the pleasure of working in the science department with him and the other science instructors especially when those who moved to the King Chemistry Center. He was definitely one of a kind.*

*Dr. Amy Wolgamott*

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**Dr. Amy Wolgamott** - April 09, 2021 at 12:46 PM

GH

“ *Mr. Pope helped me get registered at JC 45 years ago. He was a great guy and wonderful teacher, a real gentleman.*

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**Gary Herring** - April 08, 2021 at 05:38 PM

BC

“ *Ben, Jessie, Julie, Hunter Campbell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William H. Pope Jr..*



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**Ben, Jessie, Julie, Hunter Campbell** - April 08, 2021 at 01:58 PM