



William McLaurin

February 2, 1955 - February 23, 2021

William C. McLaurin, 66, of Sandersville, passed away on the 23rd of February 2021.

Will was a veteran of the US Navy traveling around the world aboard the USS Emory S Land. As a chaplain's assistant he was able to meet Pope John Paul II while in Italy. After leaving the Navy and attending Columbia Theological Seminary he met with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Will took these experiences to heart and returning to Mississippi always strived to imbue the radiant positivity of Christ's love and the importance of the lifelong pursuit of knowledge and education in the hearts of all he met. Serving as a pastor for the United Methodist Church committed to outreach for rural communities and small churches, he ministered to the communities at Grandview UMC, Soules Chapel UMC, Ovelt UMC, Kingston UMC, Stringer UMC, Batson UMC and New Augusta UMC.

Will married the love of his life and best friend Mary Jean McLaurin in December of 1981 and the two were rarely ever apart.

He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Vicki Wooten, as well as his daughter Robin Berlin, her husband Don Berlin, and their daughters Isabelle McLaurin and Lexi Berlin. Will is also survived by his niece Alison Vanderslice, her husband Jason Vanderslice, and their children Zoe and Carson, as well as his nephew Sean McLaurin, his wife Idalia, and their sons Armando, Joey, Terry,

and Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents A.G. and Edith McLaurin and his brother Rev. Dr. L. Gilbert McLaurin of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Monday, March 1, 2021 with visitation at 10 a.m. and the service to follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Erata Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Erata Cemetery

Erata Rd. at Hwy 11 N
Erata, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Our family has many sweet memories of Mack. As children and cousin neighbors a lot of bike riding and playtimes were shared through the years. Good times! Mack came by our pharmacy several years ago and we had a good visit. I was so thrilled to see him and learn that he was a Methodist minister and serving small churches. A great calling! I was so saddened to hear of Mack’s passing . Although we haven’t been in touch in older age , Mack remained a dear friend and cousin. His family was dear! to our family. Love and prayers to all of you. May God’s comfort and strength give you peace.
Becky Dillard Strickland.

Becky Strickland - March 01, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William McLaurin.



February 27, 2021 at 09:33 AM

ER

“ Enjoyed Bro. Will! Proud that the Lord gave me some time on this earth to have visits and sweet worship services with and Ms Mary Jean

E Kaye Rowell - February 26, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SS

“ Mac and I went to school together and graduated together Mac was a very nice young man at school I am so sorry to hear about his passing I seen Mac a couple of times years ago he was as he was in school I will be praying for the family.

Susan Hancock Strong - February 26, 2021 at 10:52 AM

CG

“ Ms. Mary Jean, I am so sorry for the loss of your Will. Love you and praying for you. You're in my heart.

Charity Gordon - February 25, 2021 at 10:33 AM

TP

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I know Will is rejoicing, singing praises, and capturing the beautiful sites he is seeing now! Love & Prayers, Tina Powe

Tina Powe - February 24, 2021 at 01:58 PM