



## William Sidney Easterling

May 25, 1939 - November 13, 2021

William Sidney Easterling, 82, entered into the presence of Jesus, his Lord and Savior on November 13, 2021 in the comfort of his home in Laurel, Mississippi. He was born on May 25, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan.

Sid, as he was fondly called, retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 31 years of service. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star. Later, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, which was presented by General Norman Schwarzkopf of Iraq War fame. In addition, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

During his life, he was a devout Christian and was dedicated to his family, country and community. He served in church as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and a servant in any capacity asked of him. Sid was especially fond of the years he served as a coach and umpire for various sports programs in the Laurel area.

He is survived by his faithful wife of 63 years, Sandra Walters Easterling; his son, William Easterling, and his wife Debbie; daughter, Joy McKnight, and her husband Jerry; his brother, Nelson Easterling; his six grandchildren; and his nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father Louis Claude Easterling; mother, Aline Watson Easterling; daughter, Cynthia Louise Hamilton; and granddaughter, Amber Marie Easterling.

Visitation will be held at Indian Springs Baptist Church in Laurel, Mississippi on November 17, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 AM, followed by a family burial in the church cemetery. Dr. Richard Clark, pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church will officiate.

The pallbearers are Greg Easterling, Jerry McKnight, Michael Hamilton, Benjamin McKnight, Daniel Starbuck, Jay Smith and Honorary Pallbearers are Nelson Easterling and Issiah Miles.

The family wishes memorial donations be made to Indian Springs Baptist Church: 500 Indian Springs Church Road, Laurel MS 39443 [www.isbclaurel.com](http://www.isbclaurel.com) or Forrest General Hospital Hospice Services: PO Box 19010, Hattiesburg, MS 39404 [www.fghfoundation.com](http://www.fghfoundation.com).

Funeral arrangements are provided by Memory Chapel Funeral Home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Indian Springs Cemetery

500 Indian Springs Church Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Indian Springs Baptist Church  
500 Indian Springs Church Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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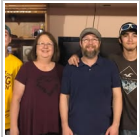
“ *Too many to list! Proud of his God, family and country! Praying for his family!*

Eric and Mary Scrimshire - November 17, 2021 at 07:49 AM

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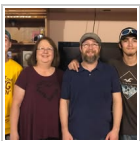
“ *Sid was such an inspiration to me and the entire Jets Football team when he coached them. It was pleasure being his assitant Coach, as well as being my friend.*

Terry Marshall - November 16, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Mr. Sid was a sweetheart of a man. Thank you so much for letting me be a part the hospice team that came to your home to see him and Ms. Sandra. Will always remember the stories he told and the joy he had in being in the military and love for his wife and family. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Debbie Creel Davis - November 16, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Debbie Creel Davis lit a candle in memory of William Sidney Easterling*



Debbie Creel Davis - November 16, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ I remember when our families lived next to each other at Laurel Air Base before I started school. I was the kid who followed Sid around like his shadow. Now I know how much he must of hated that. Sorry for your loss. May the happy and joyful memories ease your hearts.  
*Jane Upton Henderson*

**Jane Upton Henderson** - November 16, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Sidney Easterling.*



November 15, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Sincere condolences to family and friends.....A good man with friends everywhere!*



**Jan Ellzey** - November 15, 2021 at 03:24 PM