



## William Theodore Lightsey Jr.

August 7, 1939 - October 18, 2022

On Monday, October 18, 2022, William Theodore Lightsey Jr., husband and father, passed away at the age of 83. Mr. Lightsey, a proud son of Jones Co., was born at his family home in Sandersville in the summer of 1939. He received his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and worked in Laurel in the office business sales industry.

Married in 1962 to Judith Ann Williams, they spent 52 years together until her death in 2014. Together they raised their two children, Jennifer Ann Lightsey and William Theodore Lightsey III (Ted)

A life-long Presbyterian and member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Laurel, Mr. Lightsey, known to his friends as Ted, was an active member, contributing in many ways to the church and community. Ted was also a good friend and neighbor and was known for his quick wit, his kind and compassionate spirit, and his love of all animals.

Ted was preceded in death by his father William Lightsey, mother Sara Lewis Lightsey, wife Judith Lightsey, and his two brothers and sister. He is survived by his two children Jennifer and William, granddaughters Anne Marie Schultz and Katherine Graf Schultz, and sisters Joan Brumfield and Judith Parish, along with many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, November 16, at 2 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. All attending are asked to bring and share fond memories, photos, and their best stories in this celebration of his long and rich life.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
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<https://www.memorychapel laurel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Tracy, Wyatt, and Joan Brumfield purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Theodore Lightsey Jr..*



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**Tracy, Wyatt, and Joan Brumfield** - November 14, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Theodore Lightsey Jr..*



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October 22, 2022 at 12:53 PM

MP

“ *Ted Lightsey was a fine Christian man and wonderful citizen of Jones County. I know he will be sadly missed by his family and all who called him a friend. I'm praying for peace and comfort for his family during this time of bereavement.*

*Max Phillips*

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**Max Phillips** - October 20, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JC

“ *Ted was a fine Southern Gentleman and a staunch supporter of the Southern Cause for Independence. It was an honor to have known him! Deo Vindice!*

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**John C. Cox** - October 19, 2022 at 05:40 PM

ML

*I worked with Ted at Commercial National Bank in Laurel starting in 1969. He was a kind, friendly gentleman with a great sense of humor. I so glad to be one of his MANY FRIENDS. I'm sorry to hear about his passing and praying for his children and all other family members, God bless you all 🙏❤️*

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**Mike Lowe** - October 20, 2022 at 03:51 PM

CP

*I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Lightsey's passing. I was honored to spend time with him during Christmas before the pandemic. He was a very nice man.*

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**Cathy Pearson** - October 21, 2022 at 03:01 PM