



## Dr. Joe Letteri

May 27, 1955 - May 12, 2020

Dr. Joseph “Joe” Daniel Letteri, 64, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in Louisville, Mississippi.

Dr. Letteri was born on May 27, 1955, in Jackson, Miss., to Daniel and Melva Goodin Letteri. Graveside services and interment will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 14 at Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Scott Phillips officiating. The family urges everyone to follow the COVID-19 precautions in place under Executive Order 1466 of Governor Tate Reeves.

Joe was a lifelong learner and excelled in every pursuit. He graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in 1978, where he earned the Rho Chi Award, the Mississippi Drug Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pharmacognosy, the Pharmacology Award, the Phi Delta Chi Award, the Kappa Psi Award, the Kappa Epsilon Award and the Pharmacy Management Award. While in pharmacy school, he was a two-time winner of the Taylor Medal, which is the highest academic honor awarded by the university.

Joe continued his education at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1982. Dr. Letteri subsequently opened a successful dental practice in Louisville, Mississippi, where he practiced dentistry until his passing. Owing to his commitment to lifelong learning, he was recognized as a Fellow in the American Academy of General Dentistry. He was also a member of the American Dental Association.

Joe was a devoted fan of Ole Miss sports, especially football. When Ole Miss wasn't playing, he enjoyed gardening, cooking and woodworking, among other activities.

Joe is survived by his wife, Stacy; daughter, Meagan Boykin (Gunnar), of Conway, Arkansas.; sons, Scott Letteri, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Nathan Letteri, of Louisville; parents, Daniel and Melva Letteri, also of Louisville and brother, John Letteri, of Tupelo, Mississippi. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Julie Scott, Max and Shea Boykin,

of Conway, Arkansas, and Oli and Silas Letteri, of Hattiesburg. They knew him as their beloved “Joedaddy.” He is also survived by three step-children: Aimee Frances (Dion) of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Rustin Meek of Oxford, Mississippi, and Gannon Meek of Louisville.

Serving as pallbearers are Phil Caldwell, Dion Francis, Robert Goodin, Rustin Meek, Roy Roeland, and Phillip Williams. Memorials in honor of Joe may be given to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Tribute Program, P. O. Box 1000 Department 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at <http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Memorial Cemetery

East John C. Stennis Drive  
Louisville, MS, 39339

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## Graveside

11:00AM

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Memorial Cemetery

East John C. Stennis Drive, Louisville, MS, US, 39339

# Comments

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“ Joe was great dentist and such a nice person too. He'll truly be missed.

**Deven** - September 04 at 04:33 PM

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“ Gin Fancher lit a candle in memory of Dr. Joe Letteri



**Gin Fancher** - May 23, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ Joe was a Senior in Dental School when I became UMMC Associate Alumni Director in 1981. We hit it off due to our love of Ole Miss football! Later our daughters went to RHS and cheered together. He was a true Rebel. Loved his enthusiasm for his family. God bless. —DFreeman.

**derrick freeman** - May 19, 2020 at 11:13 PM

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“ What a wonderful man! Our hearts and prayers are with the family during this time. Mary and Johnny Snow

**Mary Snow** - May 15, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ My Dr Joe Joe!! Is what my kids used to call him!! Oh how he will be missed..He was such a wonderful Dentist for me and my family. Serving us for 26 yrs!! What a blessing!! Rest in Peace!!

Patty, Chuckie & Kayla Heard

**Patricia Heard** - May 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ I taught Joe when he was in high school. He was an excellent student, and I enjoyed teaching him. Then he became our dentist and a special friend. He will be greatly missed. Praying for his family during this difficult time.

**Diane Carter** - May 14, 2020 at 10:46 PM

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“ Joe was always "Mr. Hustle" (later Dr. Hustle), both on & off the football field. What an example (& what high standards) he set!  
Gene Stringer, Jr.

**Gene Stringer** - May 14, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We shared the passion of dentistry for our hometown community. I know he was loved by his family, staff and patients. He will be missed. Prayers for the family. May God grant you peace and comfort.

**W. Mark Donad, DMD** - May 14, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ Joedaddy is so loved.  
I remember how much he loved gardening and cooking. He could grill an amazing steak and create an incredible stew and he was always so proud of his flowers. He came and helped paint Oli and Silas' nursery too. We ate thai food and I remember him loving it. We went to the egg bowl one year and had so much fun watching Ole Miss. He had the most spectacular Christmas tree and made holidays seem magical with his kindness.  
We will miss him dearly. Joedaddy was very special to us.

**Katie** - May 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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“ Joe was such a delightful student. He always added so much to the class. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers are with all of the family. May God give comfort as you grieve.  
Mrs. Judy Sanders

**Judy Sanders** - May 14, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Joe was so wonderful with my children. Sean and Courtney did not dread going to the dentist. Joe talked with them the whole visit. Joe will be missed.

**Daphne Partridge** - May 14, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers for your family at this difficult time! I always heard stories from John of his family. You could always hear the Love in the stories and the laughter. Memories of our loved ones never die; they get passed on to those we love.

Leah Anna White

**Leah Anna White** - May 14, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. He was very nice and friendly. We appreciate his talents. May the Lord give you all strength and comfort during this time.

Erma Smith and Family

**LaVette Smith** - May 14, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ My Dr Joe Joe!! Is what my kids used to call him!! Oh how he will be missed..He was such a wonderful Dentist for me and my family. Serving us for 26 yrs!! What a blessing!! Rest in heaven Dr. Joe Joe!!

Patty, Chuckie & Kayla Heard

**Patricia Heard** - May 15, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.  
Jewell Hill  
Quinton & Diane Hill

Jewell Hill - May 14, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ We will certainly miss Joe and are praying for you and your family! He was a wonderful dentist and we always enjoyed talking to him about his yard and flowers. We shared his love of gardening. He was a brilliant mind and gone way too soon!

Linda and Tim Pepper - May 14, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have been so heart broken since I heard of the passing of the best dentist. He was the only dentist I trusted. He will truly be missed. May God Bless each of you.

Angie Burton - May 14, 2020 at 04:36 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss thinking of you at this time Gayle and Kline Shepherd,

Gayle & Kline Shepherd - May 13, 2020 at 11:49 PM

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“ Dr Spiva and Betty Richardson  
His services will be missed

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“ Joe was one of the smartest guys I ever knew. He knew more than most of our teachers but never embarrassed anyone of them. I played jeopardy with him and could answer questions before I could finish reading them. I did many things in my life joe told me not to do and I look back on it now he was always right.

Jim Davis - May 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ Sincere Sympathy.

**JB and Mary Blanset** - May 13, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. You were great neighbors when we lived across the street.

**Robbie & Tony Linley** - May 13, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ Many great memories of Joe from dental school and the years after. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Chuck Wood

**Chuck Wood** - May 13, 2020 at 05:09 PM

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“ Went to school with him,  
Played football with him,  
He was my dentist,  
Thought very highly of him  
Rest in peace my dear friend!!!  
My condolences to his family, I know he will be missed.

**Ronald Patterson** - May 13, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ When my children were small, we all went to him. He was great. He was so patient with them. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

**Jo Gully** - May 13, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Prayers for all the family.

**Marsha Eaves** - May 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“ I am so sorry to read this news of Joe’s passing. I met Joe in dental school as he was one class ahead, but I didn’t really get much chance to know him.

A few years later, we crossed paths as triathlete wannabes and I was pleased to share our dental determination in some Tri events.

I pray that our Lord will now hold Joe closely.  
God Bless, my friend.

**Ed Wheeler DMD** - May 13, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dr. Joe Letteri.



May 13, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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“ My wife and I have enjoyed having Dr Joe as our dentist for years but more so a kind and smiling friend. Prayers to his family and other friends. Bill and Kathryn Rogers.

**Bill Rogers** - May 13, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Joe and I went to high school together and I have many fond memories of him. He will be missed.

**Ben Castle** - May 13, 2020 at 11:46 AM

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“ Joe was a good man. He was 2 yrs ahead of me in school, he was friends with myself and so many others. You could hear his laughter ring thru the halls of LHS. He was also servant of others thru Christ. My prayers are with family and friends.

**Paula Blanton** - May 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM