



## Lloyd "Deacon" Jones III

October 16, 1939 - July 30, 2015

Lloyd Shannon "Deacon" Jones went to his heavenly home on July 30, 2015. Deacon was born October 16, 1939, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and was preceded in death by his parents, Dorris and Cline Gray. Deacon is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy L. Davis Jones; one sister, Judy E. Morrow and husband, Bill, of Rockwall, Texas; and grandson, Kyle Usher of Houston, Texas. He is also survived by a very special niece, Brenda Shinn Wright; and a very special nephew, Jason "Bull" Burchfield; as well as numerous other nieces and nephews.

Deacon loved his God, his family, his friends, and his church family. He never met a stranger and was loved by everyone. He always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude, with only kind words to share.

He was an avid golfer, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and loved being outdoors. He served in the United States Army, attended Mississippi State University and graduated from University of Southern Mississippi.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2015, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bryan Carruba and Rev. Larry Haggard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Mayo Clinic, Refractory Celiac Division, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905 or Flower Ridge United Methodist Church, c/o Lynda Reed, 1841 Enon Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

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 [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**AUG**   **Memorial Service**                      02:00PM

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Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel  
724 N Columbus Ave, Louisville, MS, US, 39339

# Comments

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“ Ole Buddy, so sorry we lost contact after our freshman year and KA pledges at Mississippi State. Rest in Peace and condolences to your family.

**Robert H. Abney** - February 28, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ Deacon was truly a Man of God. He epitomized the Christian ideal. He had a love for Jesus that transcended everything else. He also had a heart for others. From a mission trip to the Gulf Coast after Katrina, working long hours on the Habitat House, to making many 120 mile trips to help his pastor work on his retirement home-- Deacon was always ready to help someone. He became the driving force at Flower Ridge UMC to get more involved in missions. No job was too big or too small for Deacon. From Admin Council Chair and PPRC Chair to cutting the grass at the church or washing dishes or singing in the choir--wherever he was needed that's where he was. It was my privilege and honor to be his pastor these past years. He became a true blue friend. The Church lost a faithful worker but Heaven gained an Angel. He may no longer be with us physically, but his spirit lives on in each person who knew him.

**Larry Haggard** - July 31, 2015 at 12:21 AM

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“ There are so many good memories and so many wonderful things to say about Deacon that it's hard to know where to start. Christ was the highlight of his life. I understand that Deacon would get up early to study his Bible. Not a lot of people take time for study on a daily basis but to get up early to start each day like this is a wonder in itself.

Then there was always the laugh. He could laugh from the depths of his being. He would shake all over and it made you happy just to hear it. You could see that laughter was always just under the surface because his eyes always carried just a hint of mischief and joy. He radiated pure joy of life.

Always and always golf was a big part of his life. He had a golf tan even during the winter months. I think Deacon got a kick out of just being part of any game.

Then I remember the time he and Tim washed dishes so that the women of the church would have enough dishes to pass around at a baby shower. No job was too small for this big heart.

What a joy to have known such a Godly man. What an example to follow. What an inspiration. What a witness. One statement of Deacon is that he knew his God, he loved and followed the Shepherd. We can learn from such a man if we only listen.

Our hearts hurt and our eyes cry for loosing such a friend. May God bless you during the journey ahead.

Tim and Kathy Clark



Kathy L. Clark - July 30, 2015 at 06:56 PM