



Arthur Lee Durham Sr.

November 1, 1950 - March 10, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Arthur Lee Durham Sr, a 72-year-old lifelong resident of Oxford, passed away on March 10th, 2023, at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He peacefully departed this life while surrounded by his family in a room filled with love. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 24, 2023, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. The memorial service celebrating his life will take place on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home.

Arthur was born on November 01, 1950, in the Harmontown community to the late Samuel Dewey “Jack” Durham and Vida Odean Buchanan Durham. He faithfully served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he settled into civilian life and married Shelia Wilkins, with whom he spent forty years building a life. Together, they had two sons, Jimmy and Lee, and Arthur's daughter, Angela from a previous marriage, completed their family.

Arthur worked as a machinist, industrial mechanic, and maintenance manager for Thermos and later Caterpillar. In addition to his mechanical abilities, he also had a creative and entrepreneurial spirit which drove him to open a small-town video rental store and later handcraft and sell leather goods and jewelry.

As he grew older and could no longer climb ladders or crawl under vehicles, he developed new and existing hobbies, such as leather working, photography, and keeping his military marksman skills sharp. When he wanted to relax, he enjoyed fishing, watching old westerns, reading, and spending time with loved ones.

Arthur is survived by his wife of forty years Shelia, daughter Angela Durham, sons Jimmy Durham and Lee (Emily) Durham, one grandson, Dallas Durham, and one granddaughter, Chloe Durham. He is also survived by his brother Doyle (Mary) Nail, one aunt, two uncles, numerous cousins, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Malcolm Durham and Lynn Sayres, one sister Barbara Smith, Uncle Gene Nail, Aunt Joyce Nail, maternal grandfather PD Buchanan, and maternal grandmother, Omie Buchanan.

Although Arthur has passed away, his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the College Hill Presbyterian Church, the Disabled American Veterans association, the Wounded Warrior Project, Make a Wish Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family is being supported by Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

College Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery

339 CR 102
Oxford, MS 38655

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Arthur Lee Durham Sr.



Coleman Funeral Home - March 24, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Lee Durham Sr..



March 22, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Friends of Angela- Ben, Kaleb, Eva and Travis, Kevin and Rakesh, John Q & Rosser purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Arthur Lee Durham Sr..



Friends of Angela- Ben, Kaleb, Eva and Travis, Kevin and Rakesh, John Q & Rosser - March 21, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ I'm so sorry Jimmy...😞😞😞... You and your family are in my prayers...I pray the Lord sends you comfort and peace...🙏🙏🙏

Tomisina Tallie - March 17, 2023 at 10:53 PM

JD

Thank you Tomisina!

Jimmy Durham - April 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DH

“ *Hi Lee ..I m so very sorry about ur dad . You all will be in my prayers*
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Donna Hardy

Donna Hardy - March 17, 2023 at 02:32 PM