



David Earl Hanks

January 27, 1953 - February 2, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

David Earl Hanks, 68, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2021, surrounded by his family. A graveside service will be held Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Abbeville Cemetery. Bro. Ken Hanks and Bro. Hilton Lane will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Born on January 27, 1953 to James B. and Estelle Hanks. David was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

David served the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict, being stationed in Germany. After returning home, he began dating and then married the most beautiful waitress at the Kream Kup. Raising his family in Abbeville, David was a devoted family man. He was a long-time employee of US Plywood (later Georgia Pacific), followed by Whirlpool and his current position at Southern Industrial. He spent untold hours providing for his family and anyone else who needed a hand. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Abbeville and later attended Bethel Baptist Church of Oxford in support of his son Ken, who has the honor of officiating his funeral service.

David enjoyed gently nagging his children and grandchildren, often with eyebrows raised, about issues both serious and trivial. His love of the Sci-Fi network was often met with sarcastic comments to which he gleefully replied, "You probably don't want to watch this part." He could twirl a gal around a dance floor like Fred Astaire, make a better cup of coffee than Starbucks, and in earlier years could do more push-ups and chin-ups than his sons or grandsons. He spent his last few years grocery shopping and having tea parties with his granddaughter, having breakfast at the Beacon with his trusty side-kick Byron Hankins, and loving his wife and family in his most special way.

David is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan Hanks of Abbeville; his children Ken Hanks, and wife Leah; Elisabeth Mills; and Tyler Hanks and wife Hannah, all of Abbeville; two grandsons, Alex and Noah Hanks of Abbeville; a granddaughter, Addison Mills of Abbeville; two brothers, Kenny Hanks and wife Myrtle of Alexander, Arkansas and Rodney Hanks and wife Virginia of Yazoo City; one sister, Cheryl Bunch of Huntsville, Alabama; Susan's sisters Joy Hankins and husband Byron of Abbeville and Jill Carwyle and husband David of Oxford; close personal friend Dennis Lee; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents James B. and Lily Estelle Hanks of Oxford; a brother Freddy McGregor and a sister, Linda Chrestman.

Pallbearers will be Alex, Noah, Tyler and Ken Hanks; Gerald Bishop, and Chris Shoffner.

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Abbeville Cemetery

CR 201
Abbeville, MS 38601

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Martha & Sherry Starnes lit a candle in memory of David Earl Hanks*



Martha & Sherry Starnes - February 04, 2021 at 11:39 AM

GD

“ *Ginger Dunaway lit a candle in memory of David Earl Hanks*



Ginger Dunaway - February 04, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of David Earl Hanks.*



February 04, 2021 at 09:45 AM

JW

“ *May God lift you and your family at this time.*

Jeanette McLarty Wells - February 03, 2021 at 08:28 PM

JD

“ *Great cousin and friend. Always enjoyed being around David. Your in a greater place today. Praying for you, Susan and family. Sorry I can't be there, got a doctor's appointment. Joe Dettor*

Joe Dettor - February 03, 2021 at 07:57 PM