



Jerry Thomas Pilgrim

July 13, 1933 - January 19, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Jerry Thomas Pilgrim, Sr., 88, died Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Jerry was born July 13, 1933, in Buckatunna, Mississippi, the third of four children of Marvin F Pilgrim and Lillie Mae Heathcock Pilgrim.

He grew up in Columbus, Mississippi, graduated from Stephan D. Lee High School, and was a graduate of Mississippi State University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was an ardent Bulldog fan for the rest of his life.

In 1964 Jerry and his young family joined Colonial Park United Methodist Church where he served God and his fellow man in many capacities for all these years. He especially enjoyed coaching youth sports and serving as a leader of Cub, Webelos, and Boy Scout Troop 221. While serving in the Boy Scouts he was selected for Order of the Arrow and completed the Wood Badge program.

Jerry enjoyed a respected and successful career as a Consulting Electrical Engineer since he graduated from college. He was the Vice President & Chief

Electrical Engineer at the Office of Griffith C. Burr, Inc. when he retired in 2000. He belonged to several professional organizations, was a 32nd degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honour Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Columbus (Miss.) Lodge #5 F&AM.

As an avid outdoorsman Jerry enjoyed fishing, camping, backpacking, hiking and kayaking in God's beautiful world. He supported various environmental causes and promoted conserving natural resources and maintaining nature's beauty for future generations to all. He also enjoyed physical activities like working out, running, and playing tennis.

Jerry is remembered as a Christian, a man devoted to his wife and family. He had a loving and generous heart, a witty personality, never met a stranger, and was a friend to all.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Marvin Pilgrim, his sister Peggy (John) Hayman, and his infant granddaughter Erin Pilgrim.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Novella Chandler Pilgrim of Memphis; his daughter Tanya (Mark) Turner of Grenada, MS; his son Tommy (Renee Hunter) Pilgrim of Southaven, MS; his daughter Sharon (George) Fioranelli of Cleveland, MS; his grandchildren Allen Turner, Tyler Turner, Janie Turner, Elizabeth Pilgrim, Ashley Pilgrim, Mary Claire (Ross) Shaw, Allison Pilgrim, Eric (Lee Anne) Fioranelli, Andrea Carvan, Britney (Bryce) Rocconi and Chandler Carvan; his great-grandchildren Havens Fioranelli, Cooper Fioranelli, Novella "Novie" Carvan, and Eli Michael Rocconi; his sister Angie (Jim) Jones of West Monroe, LA; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A family graveside service will be held Sunday, January 30, at Desoto Memorial Gardens in Southaven, MS. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made to Colonial Park United Methodist Church, 5330 Park Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Rd E
Southaven, MS 38672

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for all of Mr Pilgrim’s family. Jerry was a wonderful, bright light to all who were so blessed to know him. He was such a kind, soft spoken man respected by all. He and Mrs Pilgrim have always been model Christians for myself and others. His legacy lives on in his wonderful family.*

Emily Goff - January 31, 2022 at 07:10 AM

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“ *Jerry was a Good Man, Husband and Father to a GREAT Family!! We'll all miss him dearly!! I personally only had the pleasure to share some special moments and memories with him, but they all had real meaning for us!! I know he will be looking over his family from above and will be waiting to welcome them home when the time comes. We're here for you, Novella, and Jerry is always looking over you!! God Bless You All!! We Love You & Pray for You, Pati & David Roy.*

David Roy - January 29, 2022 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Julie Pilgrim lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas Pilgrim*



Julie Pilgrim - January 29, 2022 at 03:43 PM