



Sydney Guest

April 11, 1939 - January 19, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Sydney Guest, 81, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. A visitation will be held Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oxford-University United Methodist Church (424 S. 10th St, Oxford, MS) in the atrium. A Service will follow in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. Interment will be at Lambert Cemetery (210 Buford Lake Road, Lambert, MS). Rev. Dr. Christopher T. McAlilly will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Guest was born to OB and Anna Grace Rollins Guest in Drew, MS. He was truly committed to his family and will be intensely missed by all of them. Mr. Guest was a member of First Baptist Church in Lambert, MS where he was baptized.

Mr. Guest attended Northwest Mississippi Community College where he earned his Associate's degree while playing basketball. He received a Bachelor's degree in business from Delta State University. He returned to his hometown to become president of the Bank of Lambert. But one calling was not enough. He obtained his real estate license, and he owned a grocery store, a restaurant, a car dealership, and was also a farmer. Sydney grew his bank. His method in farm country was to go the extra mile for his customers.

His parents demanded hard work and dedication – traits he encouraged in his customers. He made loans rejected by his superiors and did not give up on his customers. He grew the Bank of Lambert even as it was absorbed into the larger Bank of Clarksdale and then Regions. Toward the end of his career, Syd was brought to the First Security Bank in Tunica.

Yet, more important to him than all these was the years that he spent volunteering as a basketball coach. Through coaching, he mentored and influenced many young people. Mr. Guest taught life through sports and used sports to help transform young lives. His dedication to girls' basketball at Delta Academy forged teams dedicated to defense, hard work, and team work. His coaching of the youth over many years led to many regional and even state championships. The Delta coaches saw the benefit of Syd's methods and welcomed his dedication and influence.

Family was everything to Sydney Guest. He loved spending time with his family at Ole Miss sporting events. It really didn't matter which sport; he was just a Rebel at heart.

Everyone who knew Sydney Guest was influenced by him. He was a friend to all. He cared about other people, especially anyone in need. His generosity was limitless. He was loving, kind hearted, compassionate, hardworking, and trustworthy. He had a magnetic personality that lit any room he entered and made people feel loved and wanted. Caring for others, working hard, and never quitting are a legacy that his family is honored to receive from him.

Mr. Guest is survived by his three daughters, Delia Childers, Anna Kathryn Dawson, and Donna McCormack; his grandchildren, Grace Childers, Alex Childers, Eva Childers, Isabel Dawson, Carter Dawson, and Henry McCormack; his brother, Ronnie (Joan) Guest; his sister, Daphene (Clifford) Cobb; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.B. and Anna Grace Guest.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Memory Makers (<https://memorymakers.org/>), The Marks Project (c/o Mitch Campbell P.O. Box 87 Taylor, MS 38674), or Marks Youth Outreach (Box 134 Marks, MS 38646).

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

Cemetery Details

Lambert Memorial Cemetery

210 Buford Lake Road
Lambert , MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Oxford-University United Methodist Church
424 South 10th St.
Oxford, MS 38655

Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Oxford-University United Methodist Church
424 South 10th St.
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall

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“ *Paul mccullar*



paul mccullar - January 25, 2021 at 07:18 AM

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“ *I have some very fond memories of Sydney. There was nothing like having Sydney call and ask if you wanted to go play basketball at the old LHS gym. It was always fun and he could stop at the top of the key and shoot your eyes out with his jump shot.*

Much love and prayers for his family and many, many friends.

George King

George King - January 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM

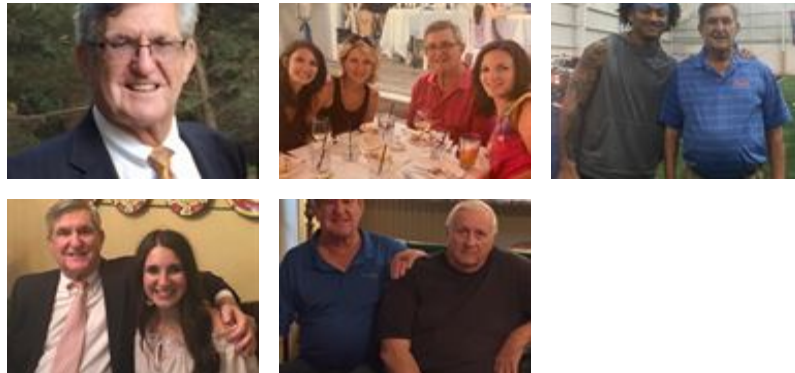
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“ My wife and I Dawn owe Sydney Guest an everlasting Thank you. Mr Sydney was the most caring and kindest person I have ever met. He believed in me and Dawn I can remember sitting at the bar with him late afternoons when Dawn and I were working at Tunica National. He always was so supportive of us in everything we did. He always was so nice and always wanted to help us in any way he could. I recently started my own business. I am absolutely sure he is the reason that this has been possible. He believed in me so much and gave me the confidence to do this.. He always wanted me to be successful. I am so proud to have met this most incredible person. Dawn and I will never forget this man . Rest in Peace Mr. Sydney. From 2 of your most loyal fans!!
Steve and Dawn Presley

Steve Presley - January 22, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Sydney Guest.*



January 22, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sydney Guest.*



January 22, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Mike and Donna Ryals and Faye Temple purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Sydney Guest.*



Mike and Donna Ryals and Faye Temple - January 21, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *Steve and Dawn Presley purchased the Sincere's Sorrow - Red and White for the family of Sydney Guest.*



Steve and Dawn Presley - January 21, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Sydney Guest.*



January 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sydney Guest.*



January 21, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *He was my banker, my friend, and gave Miike and I our first start with financing. I was so sad when he left the Bank of Lambert, and have not had a banker like him since he left. When I was a teenager, you could set your clock as he ran across the whole town everyday with his golf club. It seemed to me like he ran a block or two then chipped a block or two. I will miss you Sydney!*

Donna Ryals - January 20, 2021 at 11:27 PM