



## Mr Ide Britton Dickens Jr.

March 20, 1920 - April 3, 2015

Ide Britton Dickens Jr., 95 years old, of Carthage, MS passed away peacefully on April 3, 2015 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Mr. Ide, as he was known to all, was born on March 20, 1920 to Pallie Waggoner Dickens and Ide B. Dickens, Sr. of Carthage and grew up in the New Providence Community. He was a lifelong member and a deacon of the New Providence Baptist Church. Ide attended East Central Junior College where he was a member of the 1939 Warriors baseball team. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy who enlisted one week prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor and served 3 ½ years in the south Pacific on the destroyer USS Hughes. The USS Hughes participated in almost every major naval battle from Midway to the Coral Sea, and was present for the sinking of the aircraft carriers Yorktown, Hornet, Wasp, and Lipscomb Bay. After the war Ide went on to receive BS and Masters degrees from Mississippi State University. He was a lifelong fan of the Bulldogs and Warriors.

Mr. Ide was a teacher for more than 20 years at Carthage High School and served as Superintendent of Education for Leake County. He was proud of the accomplishments of his students and was loved and respected by them. He gained great pleasure from maintaining relationships with them through the years.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends which resulted in many humorous tales. He was known for his homemade biscuits and for his pecan and coconut pies which he generously shared around the community.

Ide was a devoted husband for almost 67 years to the love of his life, Estelle, who preceded him in death last July. They are the parents of three children; Britt (Mary Charles) of Clinton, Bill (Nancy) of Madison, and Karen Wetherill of Germantown, Tn. Ide and Estelle were dearly loved by their grandchildren; Brooke Wetherill Simpson and Kara Wetherill of Denver, Colorado, Harrison and Kate Dickens of Clinton, Nate Dickens of Madison, and Mitch Dickens, who welcomes him to heaven. They were also great-grandparents to Keely and Chattin Simpson, and Connor Dickens Anderson, all of Denver, CO. Mr. Ide also leaves behind nieces and nephews and many life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, William and Darrell, and sister Cornelia Shanks.

Mr. Ide was a kind, generous man with an inquisitive mind, a keen sense of humor, and a love of people. He devoted his life in service to his church, country, and family. Rest well, Mr. Ide.

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Beehive in Carthage, Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Baptist Hospital in Carthage, and the many friends, students, and extended family who visited and were entertained by Mr. Ide. Visitation will be Monday, April 6 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Wilcox Funeral Home in Carthage. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Wilcox Funeral Home with burial to follow at New Providence Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to New Providence Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 289, Carthage, MS, 39051 or the Palmer Home for Children, P.O. Box 746, Columbus, MS 39703-9983.

# Cemetery Details

## New Providence

Carthage, MS 39051

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home  
106 S Jordan Street  
Carthage, MS 39051  
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wilcoxfh@netdoor.com  
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## Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We lived by Mr. Ide when Dad coached at old CHS. The entire family were fine people. When Britt came here to work, one Sunday morning he drove up as we both got a newspaper. I hadn't seen him in over 30 yrs. I smiled and said hello mr dickens. He said hello miss harrison. He looked just like his father. The time we had in Carthage in that little neighborhood was like all family. I will miss mr. Ide but know he is with his Lord. May God comfort his family.

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