



Mr James Don Gomillion

June 9, 1948 - January 29, 2023

James Don Gomillion
Walnut Grove, MS

James Don Gomillion, 74, retired, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2023, after a brief but valiant battle with cancer.

Visitation will be at Wilcox Funeral Home on Monday, January 30, 2023 from 5 pm until 8 pm. Services will be at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 with Rev. Cathy Larsen, Rev. Barbara Taylor, and Rev. Ron Gomillion officiating. Interment is in Fuston Cemetery with Wilcox Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Union, Mississippi, on June 9, 1948 to Louise Hollingsworth Gomillion and James Dalton Gomillion. He grew up in the Tuscola Community of Leake County and moved with his family later to Walnut Grove. At an early age, he met the love of his life Betty Sue Lewis who he married in 1970, and they made their home in Walnut Grove.

Mr. Gomillion was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, church member, and friend. As a long-time member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, he served as a Trustee, Usher, and member of the Leadership Council. He had served as a Boy Scout leader and in the National

Guard.

He loved Walnut Grove. Don was active on the Walnut Grove Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years serving many as Chief. He was elected to four terms on the Walnut Grove Board of Aldermen. He was a Commissioner on the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority and a volunteer and board member of Keep Walnut Grove Beautiful. He liked to cook and was well known for cooking his special stew for community events. Each year he helped prepare the Town with decorations for Christmas and other events throughout the year. He never complained, always willing to lend a hand with whatever project. He was honored for his community service in 2015 being named Walnut Grove Citizen of the Year.

After retirement from Central Electric Power Association with 37 years of service, he continued to enjoy hunting and golfing with Forest Country Club Seniors. Although a man of few words, those that knew him will miss his sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, sister Janet Gomillion Benthein, and beloved mother-in-law and father-in-law Naomi McCraw Lewis and Cary Lewis.

Don is survived by one son, Mayor Brian Gomillion of Walnut Grove, one daughter Dr. Amy Ware and one granddaughter Madilyn Elizabeth Ware both of Brandon, three precious grand-dogs that he loved Jack, Maley, and Deacon, extended family and countless dear friends.

Pallbearers are: Mike Johnson, Dr. Steve Green, Paul Hogue, Hal Patterson, Jason Gilbert, and Kevin Polk.

Memorials may be made to Walnut Grove UMC, PO Box 385, Walnut Grove,

MS 39189.

Cemetery Details

Fuston Cemetery

Walnut Grove, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Wilcox Funeral Home

Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM.

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Thoughts and prayers to Brian, Amy and Madilyn. Don and Dalton were the best fish fryers who kept our 4th of July gathering an occasion to look forward to. He will be greatly missed.

Sue Moore - January 30, 2023 at 02:18 PM

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“ Condolence to the family!



Mary Sharp - January 30, 2023 at 12:39 PM