



## Mr James Gray McLemore

September 5, 1941 - February 19, 2022

James Gray McLemore, Jr., age 80, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

James was born in Forest, Mississippi on September 5, 1941 to James Gray McLemore, Sr. and Doris Bradley McLemore. He graduated from Forest High School in Forest, Mississippi, Class of 1959. He was a Political Science major at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi where he was a Millsaps Singer and a member of and Historian for Kappa Alpha Order. James married Brenda Harris on July 26, 1964. They then moved to Oxford, MS where James attended the University of Mississippi School of Law.

“McLemore” was a member of the JAG unit of the United States Army and practiced law in the city of Carthage beginning in 1968. During his many years in Carthage, he served as City Attorney, Youth Court Judge, and was a member and President of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. He was also an officer in the Mississippi Municipal Association, was a board member of the Freeny Water Association for many years, and was a member of the Leake County Country Club where he was an avid golfer. James was a member of the Carthage United Methodist Church where he served on various church committees and was president of the Chancel Choir.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Gray McLemore, Sr. and

Doris Bradley McLemore. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Harris McLemore of Carthage; his daughter, Lauren McLemore Pearson (Paul) of Brandon, MS; his grandchildren, Palmer Gray Pearson and Sara Reed Pearson of Brandon, MS; and his granddog, Dallas.

Pallbearers are Harold Harris, Terry Thomas, Bill Hawkins, Joe Lee Anthony, Brad Ogletree, and Paul Pearson. Honorary pallbearers are Jimmie Bell, John Gregory, and Mack Osborn.

Visitation is 10:00 am with services following at 11:00 am on February 22, 2022 at Carthage United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Williams and Rev. Joe Barber officiating. Burial will be at the Carthage Memorial Gardens, North Pearl Street. Wilcox Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials to Carthage United Methodist Church, 201 East Franklin Street, Carthage, MS 39051.

# Cemetery Details

## Carthage Memorial Gardens

North Pearl St  
Carthage, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Carthage United Methodist Church  
Carthage, MS 39051

## Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Carthage United Methodist Church  
Carthage, MS 39051

## Burial

FEB 22 (CT)

Carthage Memorial Gardens  
North Pearl St  
Carthage, MS

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Mr. Mac was always helpful and a perfect gentleman. I enjoyed our sometimes long and informative conversations about life that we had in his office.  
Rest in peace Mr. Mac.*

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**Steve Coffman** - February 22, 2022 at 02:20 AM

LH

*Knew junky gray in high school. Always liked him, thought of him as a gentle man. God bless Brenda and his family.*

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**larry hogue** - February 26, 2022 at 10:47 PM

RB

“ *Brenda Kay, I am so very very sorry for the loss of Jimmy. Like others, i was shocked to learn of his passing. I remember him well when we all attended the Forest Methodist Church. I recall he was liked by everyone. And I remember how you and I grew up and played together when we lived on Hillsborough Street. Those were good days.*



*I wish I could attend Jimmy's funeral, but it a long way and my wife is not at all well now. Again I am saddened for your loss and will continue to pray God helps you through this sad time*

*God bless you and your family,*

*Dale Boyles*

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**R. Dale Boyles** - February 21, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wilcher lit a candle in memory of Mr James Gray McLemore*



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**Debbie Wilcher** - February 21, 2022 at 05:49 PM

FH

“ *Faye & Judy Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr James Gray McLemore*



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**Faye & Judy Harrell** - February 21, 2022 at 05:17 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to the family!*



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**Mary Sharp** - February 21, 2022 at 04:45 PM

TP

“ *I met “Mac” while working for the Chancery Department in the courthouse. After meeting me, he told me we would get along fine as long as I kept a box of Kleenex on my and not allow anyone to sit in his chair.*

*There was always a nice hot cup of coffee involved in our visit along with a few stories. He was always a nice man. He will definitely be missed by many. RIP MAC!!*

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**Tiffany Perrodin** - February 21, 2022 at 03:15 PM

TP

*On my desk*

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**Tiffany Perrodin** - February 21, 2022 at 03:16 PM

LM

*Brenda Kay I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. You are in our prayers.  
Lana Redden Myers*

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**Lana Myers** - February 22, 2022 at 08:59 AM

PT

*My heart is heavy tonight upon hearing that my dear friend Jimmy Mac has passed. I know he's having a great time playing in the heavenly band with Bob Shuttleworth. Brenda, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you receive blessings and comfort from our Lord and Savior in the coming days. Deepest Sympathy.  
Peggy Fairchilds Throckmorton*

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**Peggy Fairchilds Throckmorton** - February 22, 2022 at 08:49 PM

LH

*Always thought of jimmy gray as a gentle man. God bless Brenda and his family.*

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**larry hogue** - February 26, 2022 at 10:52 PM

SM

*“ I have had the privilege of working for Mac for over 26 years and can honestly say that I don't regret a moment of it. He has been a great teacher, a good boss, and an all-around decent person. I pray for peace for his family and his many friends.*

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**Sue Moore** - February 21, 2022 at 03:02 PM