



Mr Joe Mack Thaggard

February 26, 1939 - November 13, 2025

Joe Mack Thaggard
Carthage, MS

On November 13, 2025, Joe Mack Thaggard passed through the valley of the shadow of death into green pastures and still waters. A table is prepared for him. His cup overflows. Goodness and mercy followed him through the days of his life, and now he will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Joe Mack was born Feb 26, 1939 to James Marvin (Bee) Thaggard and Louise Lathem Thaggard. He graduated from Madden High where he was voted Mr. MHS. He then went to Clark College on a basketball scholarship.

He married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Davidson in February of 1958. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this year. That marriage blessed them with three children--Penny, Toby, and Lana, as well as 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren who all knew and loved him as "Pop".

Joe Mack went to barber college and had a barber shop on the square in Carthage. He gave many a little boy their first haircut including some of his great-grandboys. He was a Barber until he ran for sheriff of Leake County in 1972.

He was the youngest sheriff to be elected at the time and served four terms. He also served as the President of the MS Sheriffs' Association. After serving as Leake County Sheriff, he went on to work with the MS Public Service

Commission until his retirement.

He was an avid squirrel hunter and created many memories with his grands and great- grands in the woods. He loved horses and showed paint horses. He was president of the MS Paint Horse Club multiple years. He was also inducted into the MS Paint Horse Hall of Fame.

But more than anything else, he loved his Lord and Savior, his family, and the people of Leake County.

Joe Mack (“Pop”) is loved and missed by his wife, Peggy; son, Toby (Lynn); his daughters Penny Culpepper (Scooter) and Lana Waggoner (Greg); his grandchildren Seth Waggoner (Blair), Luke Culpepper (Melissa), Adriana Jenkins (Andrew), and Chloe Thaggard; his great-grandchildren, Hoyt Jenkins, Evie Klair Jenkins, Case Jenkins, Lacie Anne Culpepper, Ruby Culpepper, Davidson “Davie” Culpepper, Cash Waggoner, and Mack Waggoner.

He is reunited in Heaven with his parents and his granddaughter, Lacie Louise Culpepper.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, November 15th at Madden Baptist Church in Madden, MS, where he was an active long-time member, with Rev. Corbin Jenkins and Greg Waggoner officiating. Visitation will be held from 10am – 12 pm with the service to immediately follow. Interment will be in Carthage Memorial Gardens with Wilcox Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers are Luke Culpepper, Seth Waggoner, Cash Waggoner, Mack Waggoner, Andrew Jenkins, Hoyt Jenkins, and Tristan Hernandez.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan’s Purse. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Cemetery Details

Carthage Memorial Gardens

North Pearl St
Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Madden Baptist Church
Madden, MS

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 12:00 PM.

Madden Baptist Church
Madden, MS

Interment

NOV 15 (CT)

Carthage Memorial Gardens
North Pearl St
Carthage, MS 39051

Tribute Wall

VP

“ So sorry to hear of Joe Macks passing. He and my mom were cousins. Have known this family for a long time. He and Peggy were the sweetest couple. I went to school with Penny and we even cheered together. Love and praying for you all.



Vicki Price - November 16, 2025 at 08:30 PM

HH

“ Hilda Huser lit a candle in memory of Mr Joe Mack Thaggard



Hilda Huser - November 16, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SN

“ Sue Nester lit a candle in memory of Mr Joe Mack Thaggard



sue nester - November 15, 2025 at 12:08 PM

SN

I was sorry to hear about JoeMack, he's been lifetime, family, friend. Peggy, you and your family are in our prayers.. may God give you peace, comfort, and the days ahead.❤️you

sue nester - November 15, 2025 at 12:10 PM

SM

“ Thoughts and prayers

Sheila McGee-Rosser - November 15, 2025 at 02:09 AM

BP

One of the BEST! A friend & Boss for approx 14 yrs. Love this Sweet Family. May God give them strength at this sad time.

Betty Wathins Pigg - November 15, 2025 at 07:38 PM

BM

“ Barbara McDill lit a candle in memory of Mr Joe Mack Thaggard



Barbara McDill - November 14, 2025 at 07:38 PM

DS

“ I have know Mr. Joe Mack & the family since I was a teenager. I love him & his family and always respected him & Mrs. Peggy. My love & prayers to all the family!❤️🙏🙏🙏 I know Lacie was there to greet her Pop & they are catching up!❤️❤️

Deborah Swain - November 14, 2025 at 02:15 PM