



## Mr Willis Franklin Oliphant

January 2, 1935 - September 28, 2025

Willis Franklin Oliphant  
Carthage, MS

Willis Franklin "Frank" Oliphant, 90, passed away without any prior chronic illness, at home in Carthage, Mississippi on September 28, 2025. Frank was the only child of Jefferson Davis "JD" Oliphant and Verbie Eugenia Whittington and was born in McComb, Mississippi on January 2, 1935. He moved back to the family farm in 1990 following retirement and a 30-year career working as a physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory outside of Washington, D. C.

Frank is survived by the mother of his children, Dr. Beverly Oliphant/Martin (John) of Daleville, Virginia and his daughter Ingrid Catrel Oliphant of Colorado. He is also survived by his son Eric Brandon Oliphant (Sandra) of Lake Monticello, Virginia and their two sons, Jack Davis Oliphant currently attending Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi and Dale Murray Oliphant who will begin US Air Force Basic Military Training in December of 2025.

A celebration of his life will take place October 5, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Edinburg, MS at 2:00 PM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Edinburg Cemetery  
Edinburg, MS

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm George Hubert's daughter, Marcie Kirtz. I live in Portland, Oregon now. Was in Carthage for my own dad's funeral in November of 2024. Feel so lucky to have been able to spend time with Uncle Frankie at my dad's funeral. I remember going to see Uncle Frankie, across the street from my dad's childhood home when I was visiting my grandparents in 2nd grade, 1982 ish. At any rate, it is pretty impressive that a physicist who worked at the Naval Laboratory came out of Carthage, MS. Such a wise soul. At dad's funeral I asked Frankie what his secret was and he said, "Take life one day at a time" Definitely words I'll focus on living by. So sorry for your loss and apologies for just now reaching out. I was speaking to my cousin, Brian Moore last night and I mentioned that I called Uncle Frankie in May and went straight to voice mail. Then Brian spoke to my Uncle Stanley who shared the news.

*Sending my love,*

*Marcie Kirtz (formerly Moore)*

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**Marcie Kirtz (formerly Moore)** - February 04 at 10:14 PM

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“ *Oliphant Family,*

*Please accept my deepest condolences regarding the passing of your family's patriarch. While I never had the honor or privilege of meeting Mr. Oliphant, he clearly raised a remarkable son, and his legacy lives on through your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and I hope you all find comfort and peace in the life and love you all shared with Mr. Oliphant.*

*Fair Winds and Following Seas*

*Martindale Family*

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**Allen Martindale** - September 30, 2025 at 09:31 PM