



Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.

May 23, 1947 - June 12, 2021

Our beloved, IRA LEE SINGLETON, JR. was born on May 23, 1947, in Hinds County, MS to the late Havron Taylor-Singleton and the late Ira Lee Singleton, Sr. Ira was the youngest of two children.

Ira united with Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church at an early age where he was a loyal and faithful servant until his death. While at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Ira served as a Trustee, Deacon, Youth Choir Director, church bus driver, Sunday School teacher and was a member of the Male chorus. Ira was a gentle giant with an infectious smile and hearty laugh; known for always being punctual. You never knew in what capacity you would see Ira. Ira may have been wearing a suit and tie to handle church or community business or in a t-shirt and work pants riding down Star Rd on his John Deer tractor; one thing was for certain he was on his way to help someone in our community. Ira had such a huge caring and giving heart, but you'd better believe, Ira didn't take no mess! Ira was straight up, honest and fair to all that he met. Ira's passions in life included fishing, playing cards, reading the Bible, playing Softball, watching sports-especially College football, mentoring through ministry for all ages and singing - and you better have been on key. No matter what the task, Ira was very meticulous and methodical in his approach. No mission was too big or too small if it was helping to improve our community. Just as he stood a strong pillar in Rankin County, he mirrored the same high expectations for his children; hard working, taking pride in their work, striving

for excellence, exceeding expectations and being a person of your word. His motto was Proverbs 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Or as Ira would say "A good name is worth more than silver or gold."

He graduated from Holy Ghost Catholic school in Jackson, MS in 1965, followed by Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Business Administration in 1969. Ira immediately entered his professional career at Hinds County Project Head Start followed by Community Service Association, then Delphi Packard Electric until he retired. Outside of his corporate career, Ira was an entrepreneur who independently farmed and owned and operated Singleton Logging, Inc. Ira was well-rounded and was involved in many organizations which included: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Urban League, Communities Working to Unite Youth (CWUY) - past President and Founder, Hinds Community College Advisory Board, Puckett Athletic Association, Puckett Attendance Center, Friends of Children of Mississippi, Rankin County Development Corporation, Keys To Life - Mentor, Rankin County United for Change (RCUC), Concerned Citizens of Rankin County, Rankin County Farmers Co-op, Lincoln County Mass Choir, Multipurpose Association (Component of Community Service Association) - Director, Family Health Care Clinic Board of Directors and Rankin County School Board.

Ira just recently married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Johnson Matory Singleton. Ira was previously married to Edna Jordan Singleton Rhodes, Betty Johnson Hart Singleton, Marilyn Flowers Singleton, Regina Hughes Singleton and Glendora Procter Singleton. To these unions, Ira was the father to 12 children by way of birth and blended families. Although Ira had plenty of children of his own, he always extended his strong yet loving arms around countless other children throughout his life. Ira was a firm disciplinarian who believed in not spoiling a child but rather teaching them important life lessons.

Ira was preceded in death by his parents, Ira Lee and Havron Taylor- Singleton, a loving wife, Betty Johnson Hart Singleton, and a great-grandson, Connor "Tonka" Demarcus Evans.

Ira leaves to cherish his fond memories a loving wife, Mrs. Gloria Johnson Matory Singleton of Clinton, MS, Seven daughters: Yolanda Singleton of Florence, MS, Zenobia O. Hart-Richardson of Crestview, FL, LaTesa (Carlos) Hughes Bowen of Ashbury, VA, Myra Singleton of Snellville, GA, Rita Sanders of Byram, MS, Fatina (Reginald) Cutrer of Byram, MS, Carmelita "Nikki" Proctor of Brandon, MS. Six sons: Eric Singleton of Jackson, MS, Kevin Matory of Jackson, MS, Andre (Laramie) Proctor of Woodbridge, VA, Ira Singleton, III of Lilburn, GA, Kobie Singleton of Florence, MS, 31 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one sister: Sarah Holsey of Nashville, TN. He also leaves a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Ira lived his life so that people could see the God in him as he was serious about his salvation. Ira would always say, "Hell is too hot, and eternity is too long not be saved". On Saturday, June 12, 2021, Ira started his day fulfilling his passion and purpose by helping someone else to cut a tree down. While performing this task, Ira was fatally injured and entered into eternal life.

"Our death is not the end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us; our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life." - Albert Einstein

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Family Hour

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Service

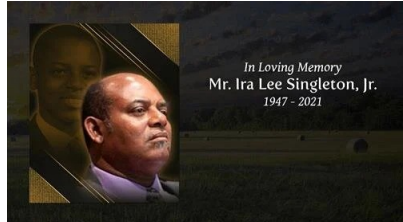
JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope M. B. Church
935 MS-469
Pearl, MS 39208

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - January 30, 2022 at 10:05 PM

Zenobia Hart

“ *In Delayed Response To those who knew Mr. Ira Lee Singleton, Jr., and/or his family members, "thanks so much for your positive words, positive thoughts, positive prayers, loving generosity, and good deeds to/with/and for him & his family." We sincerely appreciate(d) your kindness.*



Zenobia Hart - November 24, 2021 at 05:10 AM

R1

Robert Coleman; Alcorn State roommate 1965-66. We were very good friends that year. So sorry I wasn't present for his homegoing celebration.

Robert Coleman, roommate with Ira 1965- - February 20, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ *Light Blue Open Rose with White Mum (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr..*



June 20, 2021 at 02:42 PM

LB

“ To the family of Ira Singleton, Jr.

On behalf of the late Ruth A. Jordan family, please accept our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Ira. We, too, are saddened by your loss. Be of good courage as you face the days to come, and may love and peace enfold your minds and hearts.

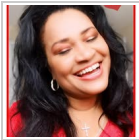
Our mother stated that Ira would always be her son-in-law.

Lessie Barnes - June 18, 2021 at 01:11 AM

YS

Thank you Aunt Leslie 🤍

Yolanda Singleton - July 07, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ What a GREAT Uncle he was to me! I will always treasure the conversations we shared. They were always so insightful. We would start talking about one subject...usually fishing or his children and without fail, Our conversations would ALWAYS gravitate toward God, His Goodness, and end with an amazing testimony from one of us. Of course, I would ask him, "Are you Preaching Yet"? Because I know you have the Calling?...and we both would laugh. I will truly miss His laughter, His Kindness, and just knowing that He Was Here. He once told me....

"This I know, God made it happen, or he allowed it to happen...because NOTHING gets past God"! Ira L. Singleton, Jr.

I'll ALWAYS keep that close to my Heart.

R. Morgan Dukes

Morgan Dukes - June 17, 2021 at 05:15 PM

YS

Thank you cousin.

Yolanda Singleton - July 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM

DP

“ *Dierdre Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Dierdre Payne - June 17, 2021 at 02:42 PM

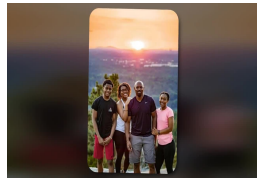
YS

Thank you love

Yolanda Singleton - July 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - June 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM

YS

Simply Beautiful!!!

Yolanda Singleton - July 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM



Zenobia Hart

The last five months without our beloved father and patriarch have been turbulent (at times). However, he raised, loved, touched the lives, inspired growth, laughter & many wisdoms within his family and others. Dean Funeral Home, "Thank you for presenting such a lovely video & service which captured fractions of his life and such fond memories." Our father was & will always remain (to me) "A Strong & Mighty Oak." Thanks for your deeds, support and words of comfort during our morn-- They are not forgotten. "Blessings to you and yours!"

Zenobia Hart - November 24, 2021 at 04:01 AM

HH

“ Words are inadequate to express my condolences to the family of Ira. Ira was a good fraternity brother (AΦA), a joy to work with, and a genuinely pleasing spirit to be around. May the Supreme Creator of the Universe welcome his Spirit into paradise.
Herman Holly, ΓY - S'72, Clinton, MS.

Herman Holly - June 17, 2021 at 09:24 AM

YS

Thank you Mr Holly.

Yolanda Singleton - July 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM

KH

“ Kris Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.



kris Hobbs - June 17, 2021 at 04:21 AM

CS

“ Yolanda and family I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my sincere condolences.

Carolyn A Stewart/MAGIC - June 17, 2021 at 04:07 AM

MM

“ *Melinda Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Melinda Mack - June 16, 2021 at 09:43 PM

KT

“ *From Thames family Howard Thames FLORENCE ms keep your head up yall take care with love*

Kris Thames - June 16, 2021 at 09:02 PM

BB

“ *Bettye J Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*

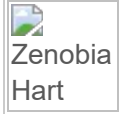


Bettye J Bowman - June 16, 2021 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ *Heaven has gained a wonderful soul. Our friendship spans over 4 decades; from working alongside each other in 1973, to 2021 reminiscing on the times we shared. You played an integral part in my life. I could not have asked for a better “boss”. It always gave me so much joy when we shared birthday greetings and Christmas wishes. Ira, you are the true definition of a best friend: A friend I value, A friend I trust, A friend I confide in. My sincere condolences to the family. Until we meet again Much Love, Bettye J. Bowman “BB”. Proverbs 18:24*

Bettye J. Bowman - June 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM



Ms. Bowman, I remember you from my days of youth and throughout the many years our father counted on you, your friendship and assistance. Thanks for your condolences.

Zenobia Hart - November 24, 2021 at 04:13 AM

BB

“ *Benita & Bettye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Benita & Bettye Bowman - June 16, 2021 at 08:05 PM

BB

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You have played an integral part in my life. I could not have asked for a better “boss”.

it always gave me so much joy when we shared birthday wishes and Christmas cards.

Ira, you are the true definition of a best friend :

A friend I value

A friend I trust

A friend I confide in

My sincere condolences to the family.

Until we meet again,

Much Love, Bettye J. Bowman “BB”

Proverbs 18:24

Bettye J Bowman - June 16, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DL

“ Dr. Lillie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.



Dr. Lillie Lewis - June 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM

BM

“ *Bob Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



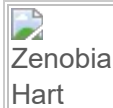
Bob Myers - June 16, 2021 at 02:23 PM

TV

“ *Ira was a great friend, a classmate, a funny character, and a loved community member. We are sure that he will be greatly missed. To the Singleton family, please accept our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Tyrone & Shirley Veal

Tyrone & Shirley Veal - June 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM



Zenobia
Hart

On behalf of our family, "we thank you for appreciating our father." If he ever shared any words of wisdom, may you hold onto them in memory. "Blessings and Peace"

Zenobia Hart - November 24, 2021 at 04:32 AM

TV

“ *Tyrone & Shirley Veal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Tyrone & Shirley Veal - June 16, 2021 at 12:20 PM

LS

“ *Lillie Taylor Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Lillie Taylor Scott - June 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr..*



June 16, 2021 at 10:57 AM

LP

“ *Lakecia Parker-Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Lakecia Parker-Love - June 16, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr..*



June 16, 2021 at 12:55 AM



“ *Lynette McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Lynette McGee - June 15, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *The Walker Family, is in pray for The Singleton Family, may God give you all comfort in your time of sorrow.*



Eletha Walker - June 15, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Evelyn Tillis - June 15, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Mr. Ira was one of the most caring, funny and genuine people I have ever met. He always had a smile on his face. I first met him at Piggly Wiggly over 20 years ago. He always had some kind advise to give me. To his family, please know I am praying for you, daily. No doubt, Mr. Ira greeted The Lord with his big ole smile!*

Dana Hampton - June 15, 2021 at 09:07 AM

DH

“ Dana Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.



Dana Hampton - June 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BW

“ Bernard & Lisa Williams sends our deepest condolences to the Singleton Family



Bernard Williams - June 15, 2021 at 08:13 AM

DM

Dalton McAfee and family send their deepest condolences to the Singleton family. May God provide comfort to each of you as you go through this darkest point in your life.

Dalton McAfee - June 15, 2021 at 03:20 PM

ML

“ RIP CUZ
PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY
LOVE JERRY LEWIS MELINDA LEWIS
LAURA LEWIS DEXTER CALHOUN JR
DEVIN LEWIS AUBREE FURDGE AND
WILLIE “TOOT’ JONES



Melinda Lewis - June 15, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr..*



June 15, 2021 at 01:51 AM



“ *Patricia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Patricia Smith - June 14, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Condolences And Prayers To The Singleton Family. May God Bless You All With Peace / Comfort And Strength During Your Time Of Sorrow.* 🙏🙏🙏



Evelyn Young - June 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Peggy Moore Howard*



Peggy Moore Howard - June 14, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MD

“ *Mary H. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Mary H. Davis - June 14, 2021 at 05:30 PM

LG

“ *The Thompson Family , is praying for your family. May the Lord continue to strengthen you.*



Latecia Gregory - June 14, 2021 at 03:26 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Porter Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Shirley Porter Harper - June 14, 2021 at 03:11 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Barbara Magee - June 14, 2021 at 03:04 PM

FW

“ *Faith Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Singleton Jr.*



Faith weathersby - June 14, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LM

Mr. Singleton was a kind man

Linda Mclaurin - June 16, 2021 at 02:52 AM