



Mr. John Wilson Kennedy

April 30, 1937 - June 25, 2022

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

John Wilson Kennedy was born April 30, 1937 in Scott County to the late Pete and Lula Mae Handfort-Kennedy. He was the third child born to this union. His parents and three Siblings, Maggie Kincaid, Schiniece Myers and Shirley Patterson preceded him in death.

John attended Morton Vocational High School. After high school, John attended Alcorn University where he received his Bachelor Degree in Education. During his time at Alcorn, John pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

John was an advocate for education. He later received his Master's Degree and Specialist of Education from Jackson State University. John took pride in teaching/ educating young minds. John also coached football and took great pleasure in teaching the love of the game. John coached at Wingfield, was a principal at Brandon Junior High and Provine High School. He also worked at the Central Office for Jackson Public School.

John married the love of his life, Bettye Lou Wallace, on April 30, 1962. To this

union they had one son, Jonathan Wilson Kennedy.

John leaves to cherish his memories one son: Jonathan Wilson Kennedy of Fannin, MS; one daughter (in love) Sheila Kennedy of Jackson, MS; four sisters: Christine Denson of Flint, MI; Jo Bell of Santa Monica, California; Amy Bell Bland of Chicago, IL, and Irish Smothers of Forest, MS; one brother, Rev. Arthur (Terry) Kennedy of Forest, MS; two sister in laws: Elaine Thomas of Walls, MS; Mae Jean Wallace of Chicago, IL; Six grandchildren: Bodhi McGowan and Jaylen Washington of Dallas, TX; Cachlea Kennedy of Davenport, IA; Jayla Kennedy, Ashley Kennedy and Jonathan DaOne Kennedy all of Jackson, MS; four great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garden Memorial

8001 US Hwy 49
Jackson, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

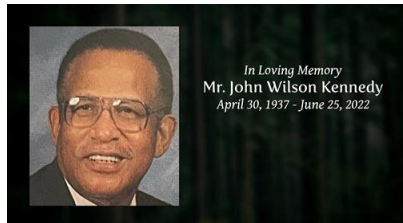
JUL **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - July 08, 2022 at 02:00 PM

RS

“ *Mr Kennedy was a cherish friend I meet him in the bird world I'm from illinois he will be very missed your in God's hands I will see you again Mr Rick Smith*

Rick Smith - December 03, 2023 at 04:55 PM

ST

“ *Coach Kennedy was one of the best teachers and mentors I ever had during his years of teaching at the Betty Mae Jack Junior High in Morton. He loved his students, and was an excellent coach as well. I had the pleasure of both his and his wife's teaching and loved them both. He will be greatly missed by his friends and students in Morton.*

Sandy Thompson Taylor - July 13, 2022 at 05:49 AM

SR

“ *Sending Love To the family ! Jonathan, Jayla & Ashley I Pray that God continues to uplift you guys during this time Love you Guys - Stacie*

Stacie Ross-J - July 10, 2022 at 06:21 PM

EB

“ Coach Kennedy was a great friend and teacher/coach. My condolences to his family. He will be missed. Eugene Blackwell

Eugene Blackwell - July 09, 2022 at 04:26 PM

CO

“ Comadell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy



Comadell - July 09, 2022 at 04:18 PM

RW

“ Rosalind Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy



Rosalind Washington - July 08, 2022 at 06:02 PM

SF

“ Such a smart intelligent man.He will certainly be missed at Fannin M.B. Church.

Sherry Fenderson - July 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ I had the honor of knowing and working with Bro. Kennedy at Mt. Elam. He was the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He was a leader and great teacher of God's word. He will be missed.
John L. Stevenson

John L. Stevenson - July 06, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DJ

“ Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy



Delphine Jenkins-Davs - July 04, 2022 at 04:08 PM

FW

“ Frances Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy



Frances Wallace - June 29, 2022 at 08:05 PM

DM

“ The Calhoun Family



Delphine Calhoun Minter - June 29, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family. Joycelyn McCoy*



Joycelyn McCoy - June 29, 2022 at 10:16 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Kennedy was a wonderful and caring person. I have known him since childhood and he was considered family. He was a loving friend to my aunt Claudette from Alcorn until his death. I will miss his advise and caring. I am assured that he is peacefully resting.*

Jill Brewer - June 28, 2022 at 11:21 PM

IF

“ *Ivan Rogers And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy*



Ivan Rogers and Family - June 28, 2022 at 10:53 PM

ER

“ *Earnest Rogers And Rose Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wilson Kennedy*



Earnest Rogers and Rose Rogers - June 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM

CL

“ Claudia Lee lit a candle in memory of William Franklin Lee and family. It is with great Sympathy that we share our love and prayers to sister Chris and family . Grace Peace and Power “God So Love”
Claudia Lee/ Detroit Michigan

Claudia Lee - June 28, 2022 at 07:13 PM