



## Mr. Stanley Demond Mason

June 28, 1978 - September 6, 2019

A Man of Integrity. Funny, loving, opinionated, hard-working, protector, provider, and confidant are all words that describe Stanley Demond Mason. Stanley Demond Mason was born on June 28, 1978 in Bolton, MS to Samuel Glen and Shirley (Henderson) Mason. Stanley was the older of two children to this union. He departed this life on Friday, September 6, 2019.

On this life's journey, several loved ones have gone on to be there to welcome Stanley home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Glen and Shirley (Henderson) Mason and his sister-in-law, Katrina Banks.

Stanley grew up in Bolton, MS where his family instilled in him the importance of family, hard work, faith, and caring for others. Stanley confessed Christ at an early age and became a member of Orange Hill MB. Church under the leadership of the late Dr. John L Brown and then later under Rev. Albert Lewis. Leadership was instilled in Stanley as early as a teenager. While at Orange Hill, he served as the Superintendent of the Sunday School, a member of the Youth Auxiliary, Junior Choir, and a member of the Orange Hill Masonic Lodge. Later in life, Stanley joined the New Testament Baptist Church in Hot Springs, AR under the leadership of the late Rev. Rodney Dennis. Stanley became a huge part of the New Testament Church family participating in Wednesday Night Bible Study and becoming a Youth Sunday School Teacher. After moving back to Arkansas in May 2019, Stanley ensured his family attended local church services every Sunday. Stanley's belief in Christ and strong faith remain with him throughout his entire life.

Stanley began his educational career at Mixon Elementary School and Utica Junior High School. Stanley attended Hinds Agricultural High School where he was involved in several organizations including the football team, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Technology Student Association (TSA). In 1996, Stanley reigned as Mr. Hinds Agricultural High School. While at Hinds AHS, Stanley became affectionately known as "Studd" and the name followed him for the remainder of his life.

After graduating from Hinds AHS in 1996, Stanley began his collegiate career at Alcorn State University. If you knew Stanley, you knew his love for Alcorn. His alma mater was dear and true to his heart. He majored in Biology with an emphasis in Agriculture. Stanley graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University in 2001. While at Alcorn, Stanley was in several organizations including the ASU Gospel Choir and LSMAP. On April 8, 2000, Stanley was initiated into the Delta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Stanley loved black and gold so much that he even chose those as his wedding colors. He was a proud Alpha man!

Agriculture was always a piece of Stanley's heart even as young as a child. To no surprise, Stanley chose this field for his career. Professionally, Stanley was a Regional Soil Scientist for the National Forestry Service. In May 2019, Stanley was re-assigned as a Deputy District Ranger in Paris, Arkansas. Stanley resided there with his family.

MA

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, Stanley "re-met" Mikesia Gibson at an Alcorn Homecoming game. They previously attended Alcorn together. They started talking on the phone that Sunday and the rest is history. They got engaged on June 4, 2018 and were married on December 2, 2018. Although married for such a short time, Stanley loved his family and prided himself in being a family man.

Whereas Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom saw fit that it was his time to enter into His gates, Stanley leaves behind his wife, Mikesia Mason; his daughter, Kayla Jones; his sister, Shamekia L Mason; grandparents,

Cleophas and Emma Mae Hender son; one sister-in-law Angel Flags; one brother-in-law, Terrence Griffin; nephew, Terrence Griffin II; niece, Kennedy Griffin; mother-in-law, Sanderlean Banks and father-in-law, Carlton (Regina) Hutton. Special family members include: step-mother, Dorothy Harmon; siblings: LaShunda (Brad) Robinson, Jillian Harmon, Mario Harmon, and Felton Harmon. His memory will also be remembered by his God children--whom he loved dearly--and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Orange Hill Church Cemetery

Bolton, MS 39041

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Hour

SEP 13. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Brown Hill MB Church  
120 Brown Hill Road  
Florence, MS 39073



# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I had only been around Stanley a few times, however, those few times were very impressionable. His smile and positive personality would brighten anyone's day. Please remember God will always provide peace, comfort and strength to those who look to him. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends.

*Michelle Bartlett*

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**michelle bartlett** - September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

AB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Stanley's passing. “Stud” was a “very special” person to my son, Diral (Sam) and to my family. At our official introduction, Stud said to me “Mrs. Ball, you raised your son well; he's a good man”. I proudly chimed in “Thank you” a bit too soon, as Stud continued “when he's asleep”.

*When my grandson was born, Sam was in Malaysia. Faithful friends, Stud and Derek, came to Gulfport to be with us for the joyous arrival. After several hours of hard labor, Stud said “I am pre-game and post-game. This in-between stuff is too much. I'll be out in the waiting room!”*

*It is my prayer that you find comfort in knowing that we care and sharing laugh-out-loud memories of Stud's great humor give you strength from day to day.*

*God Bless You,*

*Albertain H. Ball & Family*

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**Albertain H. Ball** - September 16, 2019 at 01:07 AM

KL

“ Until my retirement in 2008 I was Stanley's supervisor when he was a Soil Scientist on the Ouachita National Forest. I really enjoyed working with Stanley. He is one of those folks who is just hard not to like - very smart yet quiet and unassuming, a great sense of humor, was always upbeat and always had a smile for everyone. We worked on many projects together, and like many Forest Service folks were happiest when we were out of the office and in the woods.

If he had any vice - it would be listening to some sports radio station while I would have preferred a CW station! Hope you know I'm just kidding, but I believe he knew the stats on every major league ball player and team in the country.

Being the most eligible bachelor on the Forest I occasionally would ask Stanley why wasn't he married? He would say he just had not found the right person... I've never met Stanley's wife - but she must be a very special lady..

I am so sorry to hear of Stanley's passing. He was a friend and I will miss him. Please accept my condolences and prayers..s/ ken luckow.

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**ken luckow** - September 14, 2019 at 01:20 PM

BY

“ In the short time that Stanley and I worked together in the Forest Service, I very much enjoyed getting to know him. He was always pleasant and smiling, and you could tell by his demeanor that he was a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ. May he rest in peace, and may all of you in his family be comforted by the Holy Spirit during this time of sorrow.

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**Bill Yemma** - September 14, 2019 at 12:11 AM

BB

“ Stanley (Stud) was a respectful gentleman that loved life. He always was able to brighten up the day of everyone he encountered. He is missed. We pray for the entire Mason family and all who mourn his passing. We pray that God will reveal Himself during this time of bereavement and give you His peace that surpasses all understanding.

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**Billy Booth** - September 13, 2019 at 11:51 PM

KS

“ I didn't know Stanley well, but worked with him from afar on the Shoshone NF in Wyoming. Regardless of where we are or how well we know each other, our connections in the Forest Service ripple across the country. Stanley will be missed by many and his colleagues across the country surely mourn with you. Our love and thoughts surround you all.

*Kassy Skeen*

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**Kassy Skeen** - September 13, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Ouachita National Forest Photos



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**Jeff Olson** - September 13, 2019 at 03:35 PM

LH

*4 Ouachita NF soil scientists, Stanley, Jeff Olson, Ken Luckow, and John Long, parts of the long green line.*

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**Larry Hedrick** - September 14, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ I met Stanley in 2015 when he moved here to Colorado to work with the USFS in the regional office. Even though we worked in different USFS offices in the same region, we hung out quite often. Being from the south as well, I knew what it was like to move far away from home and family. Knowing that, I did my best to introduce him to friends/acquaintances I've made here, over the years, in order to make it feel more like home for him. Stanley and I often watched football and grilled, every so often, on the weekends over a brew or two. He really reminded me of many of my friends back home because he would love to talk trash with me, but at the same time, he would discuss more important topics such as life, family and relationships, music, finances, and many other things. He was truly a genuine person who could make you laugh at any given moment. Before he left, he provided me with some very good career development advice and helped me revamp my resume in order to make it look more professional. My heartfelt condolences go out to Stanley's family. He definitely made a positive impact on many people's lives, including mine, and he will be deeply missed. I'm glad I got a chance to fellowship with him over the past few years.

- Joseph J. Graham

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Joseph J. Graham - September 13, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JC

“ I worked with Stanley for several years on the Ouachita National Forest. He was a funny and kind guy. I was always giving him a hard time and he gave it right back. We had lots of good times and he was a pleasure to have around. He was always smiling and his laugh was contagious. He is gone way too soon and I know he will be missed by anyone who knew him. I am praying for his wife and family as he loved, loved his family. May the good memories sustain you in the coming weeks and months. RIP Stanley.



*Jane Ann Copeland*

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**Jane Ann Copeland** - September 13, 2019 at 11:31 AM

DL

“ Stanley was a true pleasure to work with here in Colorado. While he was always in a good mood, he was clearly happiest about his marriage. One of my last conversations with him was about the importance of figuring out if your spouse wants the sheets from the toilet paper roll pulled from the bottom or from the top. Great sense of humor! -David Loomis

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**David Loomis** - September 13, 2019 at 11:30 AM

RS

“ I worked with Stanley during his time on the Ouachita National Forest and so enjoyed our time together. I loved his sense of humor and dry wit. I was the forest fisheries biologist (now retired) and it wasn't too hard to entice him to join me in lake elector-fishing. He was a good "hand" but you could tell he was struggling to maintain his composure when he would miss a nice fish but he always kept his cool. He was always the helpful, calm and collected professional and his Christian values showed through. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family and co-workers. /s/ Richard Standage

Richard Standage - September 13, 2019 at 11:20 AM

LW

“ I will miss Stanley's warm personality. I was always glad to see Stanley because he was a positive person and I enjoyed the time I spent with him. I am so sorry that he left us way too soon. My deepest condolences to Stanley's Family. God bless and comfort you.  
Len Weeks, Retired Soil Scientist Ozark-St. Francis N.F.

Len Weeks - September 13, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Stanley Demond Mason.



September 13, 2019 at 09:20 AM

AB

“ Although we only worked together a short time, Stanley was always positive and upbeat, and very dedicated to our Forest Service mission. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you remember Stanley. -Amy Burt

Amy Burt - September 13, 2019 at 08:28 AM

MA

“ I met Stanley on the Caddo/Womble and we hit it off from go. Words can not express the pain we feel over this loss. He was a great friend to me and my family. He will never be forgotten. His laughter, compassion of life, and his personality will live in us forever.

Mary - September 13, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Stanley Demond Mason.



September 12, 2019 at 10:23 PM

CW

“ Although I didn't work with Stanley all that much, the times I spent with him were full of laughter. He was a really kind guy with a great sense of humor and was quick to get a room full of folks smiling and laughing along with him. My sincere condolences to his family, he will be deeply missed. -- Cait Woods --

Cait Woods - September 12, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of this loss. I had the privilege of working with Stanley a few times on some burn area emergency response projects. Stanley was great to work with and he will be missed. My condolences to the family and friends. ~Leah Shipstead

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**Leah Shipstead** - September 12, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Stanley was my supervisor on the Magazine Ranger District. Soon after Stanley arrive to Arkansas on his detail I left for a detail to Colorado. Even though we had little time together I could tell that he was a great guy. I'm deeply sadden by the lost of such a good hearted person. My thoughts and prayers are with Stanley's family.

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**Jason Davis** - September 12, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Stanley in Colorado. He was such a kind and considerate person that always had a great attitude and a smile on his face. He was an asset to our team and had a passion for his job and the Forest Service. I will miss him dearly. My deepest sympathy to the family. ---- Steve Lohr

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**Steve Lohr** - September 12, 2019 at 12:58 PM

JO

“ I had the privilege of being acquainted with Stanley for about 14 years through our work. After I transferred to the Forest Service in 2008, I became Stanley's supervisor and was so until he moved to another job some 4 years later. Our association was always a very pleasant one, as he was easy to get along with and he had such a great sense of humor. He was also a very thoughtful man. At the time of my retirement, he was working in Colorado but he still took the time to send me a congratulatory card and a gift certificate. That meant a great deal to me. What I thought was most impressive about Stanley was his love for and dedication to his family. Though he wasn't married at the time of our employment together, his strong family relationships back home in Mississippi ran deep and were a top priority for him. He always tried to make as many visits there as he could and he would sometimes share with me some fond memories or current events about them.

*My conversations with Stanley would sometimes revolve around Christian/eternal matters, and I am very thankful that we shared these values. I will always treasure my time with Stanley. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

*My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Stanley's family and other loved ones.*

*Sincerely,  
Jeff Olson*

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**Jeff Olson** - September 12, 2019 at 12:48 PM

JF

“ On behalf of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District employees, we are all saddened and shocked at Stanley's sudden passing. We were just getting to know him and recognizing his humor and laid back personality. We appreciate the assistance he provided in the short time he was here. To his family, our prayers will continue to be with you and we would like to offer our assistance with anything you may need. May God continue to offer you comfort and peace that only He can.



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**Jan Faulkner** - September 12, 2019 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ I worked with Stanley in Golden, Colorado with the US Forest Service. I remember his smile and the fact he was so easy to talk to. I really enjoyed having him in the office, he was always willing to help with planning and natural resource questions. We got to hang out a couple of times outside the office where we talked about college football. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Miss you Stanley.

*Trey Schillie*

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**Trey Schillie** - September 12, 2019 at 10:25 AM

BM

“ *Pooles Temple Church Of God in Christ, located in Gray Rock Ark. would like to offer our condolences to the Mason family. We will be praying for you during this time of sorrow.*



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**Belinda Milum** - September 11, 2019 at 10:37 PM

JK

“ *Stanley was a valued member of our Paris, AR, Rotary Club, but for too short a time. Our heart and prayers go out to all his family and friends. Rev. Jerome Kodell*

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**Jerome Kodell** - September 11, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Stanley Demond Mason.*



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September 11, 2019 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ *I have worked with Stanley since 2017. He was such a genuine and kind man. His smile and laugh...was a delight! I so enjoyed visiting with him and hearing about his experiences and stories. I am feeling his loss so many so many miles away. My thoughts an prayers are with you all. Sylvia Bierman USFS*

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**Sylvia Bierman** - September 11, 2019 at 05:06 PM

RA

“ Rotary Club of Paris, Arkansas purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Stanley Demond Mason.



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**Rotary Club of Paris, Arkansas** - September 11, 2019 at 02:41 PM

MF

“ The Rotary Club of Paris, AR would like to express our sincere sympathy to your family. We had the pleasure of meeting Stanley several weeks ago when he started coming to our weekly meetings for the Rotary Club. He was happy to be a part of the club and we were so grateful to have him join us. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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**Mary Freeman** - September 11, 2019 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ Stanley and I were the first to arrive at his send off party from Colorado to his new job in Arkansas. It was the first time the two of us had ever just hung out and talked about silly, nonwork stuff, while drinking a beer. I got a taste of Stanley's pretty hilarious wit. His family was next to arrive and I visited with everyone a bit before other work colleagues arrived. It didn't seem significant at the time, but I now treasure the little bit of insight I gained that afternoon into the man Stanley was and how wonderful he and his family were together. I can't believe he is gone. In truth, because of little moments like that, he will forever be with all of us whose lives he touched.

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**Donna Shorrock** - September 11, 2019 at 01:55 PM

JE

“ Stanley and I worked together as fellow district rangers on the Ozark St-Francis NFs. Though we only worked together for a few months, I got to know Stanley from multiple meetings we attended. Stanley was a great guy to work with. Very intelligent, thoughtful, and truly a great district ranger. He will definitely be missed here on the Ozark. I'm praying that God will comfort you during this time.

*Jason Engle*

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**Jason Engle** - September 11, 2019 at 01:26 PM

PT

“ I truly enjoyed working with Stanley during his detail assignment on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests! His smile was infectious! Prayers of strength and comfort to his family. Patti T.

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**Patti T.** - September 11, 2019 at 01:13 PM

JS

“ Stanley's kindness, thoughtfulness, and sense of humor will be remembered. He was a colleague and a friend. - Jeff S.

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**jeff sorkin** - September 11, 2019 at 12:51 PM



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September 11, 2019 at 11:48 AM

DA

“ I got to work with Stanley at the US Forest Service in Denver on an interdisciplinary team focused on issues of motorized access to public lands. Stanley was caring, kind, and professional. He will be missed for sure!

*with sympathy and best regards,*  
*-Daniel Cressy*

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**Daniel** - September 11, 2019 at 11:43 AM

LH

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the tragic and untimely loss of your loved one. Stanley worked on my staff for a time in the Forest Supervisor's Office for the Ouachita National Forest in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was a fine young man with a bright future with the Forest Service. I know you will miss him for the rest of your days. I want you to know that his Forest Service colleagues will miss him too.



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**Larry Hedrick** - September 11, 2019 at 11:40 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Ouachita National Forest Photos



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**Jeff Olson** - September 11, 2019 at 11:21 AM

ES

“ *Mikesia and the Mason Family, please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Being located in a different office, I didn't work with Stanley every day but we did work together on Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) projects and other watershed projects. At happy hours following training or conferences, I really enjoyed Stanley's easy going nature and sense of humor. He was a pleasure to be around and will be sorely missed. Take Care of yourselves and each other. Eric.*

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**Eric Schroder** - September 11, 2019 at 11:14 AM

PT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the is time. Stanley will be missed greatly. Phyllis Trimble, Forest Service*

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**Phyllis Trimble** - September 11, 2019 at 09:49 AM

MH

*May God Bless this Family,, Only met him and his family once when they visited "Poole Temple' in Paris Ar.May God Wrap his Arm's around his Dgt & wife ".God Bless the Family!*

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**mary hill** - September 12, 2019 at 11:36 AM

BP

*I pray for God's peace and healing power for Stanley's family! I worked with Stanley in Arkansas on the Caddo/Womble RD. He was a great man that will be dearly missed!*

*Brian Pounds*

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**Brian Pounds** - September 12, 2019 at 03:00 PM

TJ

*I had the pleasure of working with Stanley briefly this spring and summer in Arkansas. A wonderful man, diligent to care for his family and brightened every room he was in with his smile. My prayers are with you. He will be missed. Tim Jones*

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**Tim Jones** - September 12, 2019 at 04:03 PM