



Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills Jr.

March 10, 1957 - May 8, 2025

Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills, Jr., born March 10, 1957, to Derrelle Belle Mills, Sr. and Maxine Dickerson Mills, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Sanctuary Hospice in Tupelo, Mississippi, surrounded by his daughter and family. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Monday, May 12 at Center Ridge Church, 4694 Shiloh Road, Louisville, Mississippi, with Bro. Ricky Bane officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at the church from 2 p.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service in Center Ridge Cemetery.

Dale dedicated his life to the welding industry. Respected for his skill and integrity, he mentored many and was known for his dedication and work ethic. His coworkers and friends in the industry looked up to him as both a leader and friend.

He loved Alabama football, the outdoors, and a good laugh. Early in life, he trained and rode horses, and he always enjoyed hunting and fishing. His hunting buddies affectionately called him "White Lightning," a name that reflected his sharp wit and memorable presence in the woods and beyond. On October 7, 1979, Dale was baptized alongside his best friend, James Pugh, by Bro. Noah Palmer—a moment of great personal meaning. Music was a big part of Dale's life—he sang and played guitar and drums with the Crystal Ridge Singers and other small bands. He never missed a chance to hit the dance floor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Danny Langford,

and his adored Labradors, Maggie and Bama. He is survived by his daughter, Ashley Norman (Freddy); sisters, Debra Langford and Lisa Ramage (Jerry); grandchildren, Collin Norman, Alexandria Norman, Laine Smith, and Briar Mills; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Freddy Norman, Collin Norman, Briar Mills, Danny Mills, Jerry Ramage, and Blake "Woody" Woods. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sanctuary Hospice House, 5159 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38801.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Center Ridge Cemetery

897 Shiloh Road
Louisville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Center Ridge Church
Shiloh Rd
Louisville, MS 39339

Service

MAY 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Center Ridge Church
Shiloh Rd
Louisville, MS 39339

Interment

MAY 12 (CT)

Center Ridge Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills Jr..



May 12, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills Jr..

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“ *MSP purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* for the family of Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills Jr..



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“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Derrelle "Dale" Belle Mills Jr..



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