

Seth Maurice Howard

May 14, 1928 - July 27, 2023

Seth Maurice Howard, 95, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023, at his residence in Flowood, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville with Rev. Tim West and Rev. Mike Dowd officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 1:00 p.m. until service time at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home. Interment will immediately follow the service in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Maurice was born on May 14, 1928, in Fountain Hill, Arkansas, to Seth Frank Howard and Icie Lee Pennington Howard. Upon his discharge from the military, Maurice attended barber college in Louisville, Kentucky. After successfully completing his training, he began a long, successful career as a barber in Natchez, Mississippi. After a period of time, he opened his first shop as owner and operator; this shop was known as Rebel Barber Shop, named for the Natchez High School mascot.

Maurice and Barbara were married in 1970, and he moved to Jackson, Mississippi. He opened his own shop after a couple of years and eventually owned and operated four shops in the area. In August, 2008, he retired and enjoyed gardening and traveling to visit children and grandchildren.

Maurice's passion was college football, first at LSU and later at Ole Miss. He made many friends at both facilities. Two of his favorite life experiences were

cutting Evangelist Billy Graham's hair and shagging flies with Baseball Great Mickey Mantle.

Maurice is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Barbara Black Howard of Flowood; his children: Brenda Howard Edgin and husband, Richard, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Seth Maurice Howard, Jr. and wife, Martha Jo "Dee") of Ridgeland, Mississippi; and Michelle Howard Herring and husband, Patrick, of Crownsville, Maryland; and his sister, Glenda Fay Greer of Vidalia, Louisiana. One of his greatest joys was being "Papaw" to his grandchildren: Cassandra (Richard) Ruley; Collin (Alex) Edgin; Richard Edgin, III; Madeline (Joseph) Wilson; Joseph Seth Howard; Emily Katherine Herring; and Ethan Patrick Herring; as well as his nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandson, Corbett Edgin; great-grandson, Alexander Edgin Ruley; his parents; and his siblings: Mildred White, Milton Howard, Margo Bozeman, Marlin Howard, and Garlin Howard.

Serving as pallbearers are Collin Edgin, Richard Edgin, III, Ethan Herring, Joe Howard, Charles Plattner, and Joseph Wilson. Memorials in honor of Maurice may be given to Rural Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Dale Shumaker, 12878 Highway 14 West, McCool, MS 39108 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org.

Services are under the direction of Nowell 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.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rural Hill Cemetery

4985 Hinze-Rural Hill Road
McCool, MS 39108

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
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Interment

AUG 1 (CT)

Rural Hill Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Second memory----I just visited Barbara and family at noon today. They are a special family, headed by Maurice. They helped me remember that I was a frequent visitor to the barber shop not only for a hair cut but just to visit. He lifted my spirits from the drum beats of a busy career every time. He loved SEC football and always reminded me that his Rebels were the superior football squad to the Tide. Ole Miss could not have had a more loyal supporter, and I could not have had a better barber and friend.*

Dave Blankenhorn

David Blankenhorn - July 31, 2023 at 05:41 PM

GV

“ *Garland Vaughn*

Maurice Howard was one of a kind fun to be around and was all ways happy to see you. We had many lunches together eating and talking football and boy could he eat he was a Rebel me a Bulldog made for interesting conversation. He cut my hair for many years those neck massages were fantantic. Maurice will be missed by many people a wonderful man. My prayers are with the family during this time. Barbara the good Lord will get you through this trying time.

Garland Vaughn - July 31, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Maurice Howard.*



July 31, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Seth Maurice Howard.

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“ *Holmbergs, Holtslanders, and Krafts purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Seth Maurice Howard.*



Holmbergs, Holtslanders, and Krafts - July 31, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Seth Maurice Howard.*



July 30, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Seth Maurice Howard.*



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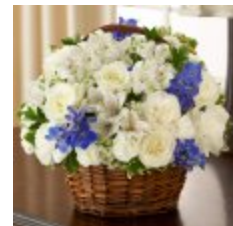


“ *He was a dear friend and my barber for decades before he retired. I'll always remember his happy and smiling manner. I believe that I might have been his favorite Alabama fan---He was my favorite Ole Miss fan!! I'm grateful to be in his and Barbara's circle of friends.
HOTTY TOTTY*

David Blankenhorn - July 30, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Seth Maurice Howard.*



July 29, 2023 at 11:33 PM

TC

“ Maurice give me my very first job, straight out of barber college in 1989. Boy did I learn a lot. He could work circles around us “spring chickens”. He had a smile for everyone. The shop at Maywood Mart was a gathering place of sorts for the men to sit and talk about football, sometimes it would get pretty heated. He loved Ole Miss, his family and cutting hair, and his newspaper! I’m thankful for everything that he taught me. I treasure the 13 years I was privileged to work for him and Mrs Barbara. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.

Tosha Magee Craft - July 29, 2023 at 08:42 PM

SC

“ I remember Uncle Maurice as being so very funny. When all the brothers were together it was so much fun listening to them and laughing along with them. Daddy I know was glad to see his brother again.

Sabrina Howard Collins

Sabrina Collins - July 29, 2023 at 08:05 PM

BS

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you Barbara and Family. He was a very friendly man and will be greatly missed.. love you!!



Barbara Watts Stokes - July 28, 2023 at 06:07 PM