



## Joseph Herbert Cothen III

December 5, 1948 - December 2, 2022

Joseph "Jodie" H. Cothen III, 73, of Pearl, Mississippi, passed away on Friday, December 2, 2022.

He was born on December 5, 1948, to the late Joseph H. Cothen, Jr. and Hazel Moulder Cothen.

Jodie graduated from Provine High School in 1966. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree

(Speech and Communication Arts) from Mississippi College in 1970, Master of Divinity (Pastoral

Work and Counseling Psychology) in 1990 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and

PhD (Adult Education & Holistic Gerontology) from the University of Southern Mississippi in

1998.

He had a passion for reading and studying the Bible, and many times he would annually read

through the Bible. Jodie had a gift for teaching the Bible as a pastor, Sunday School teacher,

and college professor. He pastored Baptist churches in Kiln and Waveland, Mississippi, and

Methodist churches in Louise, Silver City, Sidon, Carrollton, North Carrollton, Maxie, and

Lumberton, Mississippi. His most recent service was as the Disability

Coordinator for the Mississippi United Methodist Conference. He was an active member and Sunday School teacher at McLaurin Heights United Methodist Church in Pearl, Mississippi. In addition, he wrote *Restoring Your Life Better Than New*, a spiritual study and guide for those who have suffered a loss and is based on the 12-step program. Jodie presented this program to several prison and alcoholic anonymous groups.

Jodie is survived by the love of his life and wife, Teresa Stegall Cothen; sons, Gabe Cothen of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Josh Cothen (Bianca) of Hollis, New Hampshire; daughter, Shauna Diehl (Adam) of Pearl, Mississippi; sister, Cindy Morgan (Keith) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and brother, Nathan Cothen (Vicki) of Beaumont, Texas; grandchildren: Emma, Camryn, Josie, Austin and Logan Cothen; Kate (Trey Asher), Josh II, Joe, Nora, Mabel and Zarena Cothen; Amanda Rose and Benjamin Diehl; and several nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life service will be held at McLaurin Heights United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. preceded by visitation at 9:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to McLaurin Heights United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry, or the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life Memorial Service**

DEC **10**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mclaurin Heights United Methodist Church - Food Distribution Center  
325 Mary Ann Dr  
Pearl, MS 39208