



## Leslie Harold Butterworth

September 16, 1940 - July 18, 2022

Leslie Harold Butterworth, age 81, of Hattiesburg, died at home on Monday, July 18, 2022, after an extended illness.

Harold was born on Sept. 16, 1940, in Mankato, Minn., to Les and Mildred (Wilkins) Butterworth, the second of three children. Growing up on the family farm near Eagle Lake, Minn., Harold realized early that life was calling him elsewhere. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy soon after graduating from Mankato West High School in 1958. The Navy took him to California and trained him as a hospital corpsman. Upon completing his military service, Harold moved to Texas, where he would live for the next 40-plus years.

As he built a career, becoming a logistics specialist for many companies that moved goods and cargo nationally and globally, Harold also built a family.

Night-school classes at Sam Houston State University earned Harold a bachelor of science in criminal justice in 1976, earning a place on the dean's list. Amid the Texas oil bust, he decided to call upon his degree and enter the Houston Police Academy. In his mid-40s, Harold may have been the oldest cadet in his class, but that didn't dissuade him from earning his badge and becoming a sworn law-enforcement officer. He worked with several police agencies over nearly two decades until turning in retirement papers.

After giving of himself to his country, his community and his employers, Harold embraced entrepreneurship late in life and started a successful vending-machine business. Only when he moved to southern Mississippi in 2006 did he truly retire from a life of commerce.

Harold was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and his faith in Jesus Christ was central to his life, along with his love of music, good jokes and home-cooked meals.

He also cared deeply for and about his family. Harold is survived by his wife, Lucy Wrennette Salters Johnson Butterworth; his sons Scott (Chaula) Butterworth of Rockville, Maryland, and Karl (Wayne Greene) Butterworth of Cincinnati, Ohio; his three grandchildren, Asha, Nalini, and Devika; and his brother Manning (Chris) Butterworth of Toquerville, Utah.

A celebration of Harold's life will be held at 11 a.m., Aug. 27, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 510 Weathersby Road in Hattiesburg, with a reception to follow. Family and friends of Harold are invited to gather and remember this good man. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to either Southern Pines Animal Shelter or Immanuel Baptist Church, both of Hattiesburg.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to Forrest General Home Care and Hospice for its compassionate care and family support. Pinehaven Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family with final arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration

AUG 27. 11:00 AM.

Immanuel Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Butterworth family during this difficult time.* ”

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