



MR. RANDOLPH PONDER

January 27, 1964 - December 26, 2021

Funeral service for Mr. Randolph Ponder will be held 2 PM Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. Gene Higginbotham and Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Longino Cemetery. Visitation will be 12-2 PM Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Mr. Ponder, 57, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021, at his home in Jackson, MS. He lived most of his life in Hinds Co. where he has worked as a service provider to Medicaid. He was a member of Pocahontas Baptist Church and the Southern Regional Coordinator for MS. Medicaid Project. He was also in the Airforce. His hobbies were decorating and Gardening. Family was the Center of his life.

He is preceded in death by his father Joe Ponder.

Survivors include his mother, Maggie Hartle of Byram; sister, Teresa Howard of McComb; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and Friends to serve as pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Longino Cemetery

Philadelphia, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I am so sorry I just heard the news. I knew Randy back in the 80's. He was such a gentleman with very nice manners. I moved to Dallas in 1983 after Belhaven graduation. My prayers to the Family.*

Jeffrey Johnson - March 31, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *MR. RANDOLPH PONDER*

November 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Pink & White Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of MR. RANDOLPH PONDER.*



January 14, 2022 at 11:13 AM

KP

“ This news ripped a portion of my being...Randy! Randy was my ‘work twin’ when I was employed with a Medicaid contractor. We laughed together, we ate salad together. We grumbled about Suzanne Danilson together...I have not seen Randy since my wedding in 2011; but we occasionally talked and would “catch up” as if time had not passed. He called me Ms. Daisy because I always made him drive. This is my “twin”. Randy LOVED his family and held his mother in the HIGHEST ESTEEM. He ALWAYS made everything better. When life would become heavy, I would call Randy Ponder, “if you’re nasty”. (Our inside joke). My mother ABSOLUTELY loved him and was afflicted of the news of his loss. He is BY FAR one of God’s favorites. Now I’ll have to face these heathens out here without the support of MY Randy Ponder. Randy...save a space next door to you in heaven for me. I’ll need a driver. I love you like a brother.

To Randy’s mother...if I can teach my sons to be the compassionate, loving man that you raised your son to become, I will have done a phenomenal job. Thank you for raising Randy to share my life...my twin.

Kwanza Price-Young - January 14, 2022 at 10:14 AM

SL

“ Randy was such a kind-hearted person and always smiling. I’m glad I had the opportunity to know Randy and work with him. He will be truly missed.

Stacey Lanthrip - December 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RD

“ Randy was always special to me. I loved my cousin. He always had a smile on his face. He loved his family. He will never be forgotten.

Rita Dove

Rita Dove - December 28, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of MR. RANDOLPH PONDER.



December 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

CY

“ Randy. The name alone would make you smile. A great spirit with tremendous energy. He set such a positive example for his friends and colleagues. I never saw Randy without a smile, a story, a good word. I saw him a couple of weeks ago and it was as if no time had passed since the last time I talked with him. He was a good friend and a tremendous, knowledgeable mentor. My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to his mom and his extended family during this time. He loved his family and friends, and it showed with every interaction.

May God bless you, Randy! You will be greatly missed!

Chris Yount - December 28, 2021 at 09:48 AM

EW

“ Randy Ponder!!! That's how I would yell out his name from my cubicle. If he didn't have the answer there wasn't one, when it came to Medicaid policy.. Humble and sweet that's Randy Ponder. The life of a party!! On our road trips for work Randy would be the DJ. He would ask us who sings that? We would yell out all the wrong answers.. I just would love to hear him say , "You young gals don't know nothing about music ". Thanking God for the opportunity to encounter such an amazing soul. A wonderful person!

Ekida Wheeler - December 28, 2021 at 07:04 AM

LC

“ Randy was a great guy! I called him my Randy Ponder! He was so funny and we used to laugh at work. He was always cheerful and we got along like two peas in a pod! I will truly miss him! You raised a wonderful man!

Loretta Taylor Carr - December 27, 2021 at 09:56 PM

CM

“ My heart is broken. Randy was my work husband. He was such a wonderful person. So full of life and always a positive spirit. He was a great mentor and coworker. He will be truly missed.

Connie Mooney - December 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

CY

I know he loved his "Conlitha" as he would say. He will be truly missed.

Chris Yount - December 28, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JG

just heard about this and i know it's months later but he was fantastic at his job and always willing to help. will truly be missed.

Joanne Goff - April 20, 2022 at 11:07 AM

PG

I just learned of his passing. I am in complete shock with sadness. What a wonderful person he was to work with. We had many lunches and laughs over the years. Randy was so intelligent, helpful and always would take my call to help me. May you be at eternal peace as you were certainly loved.

Polly Godwin - May 11, 2022 at 02:32 PM