



## MR. THOMAS JAYROE

April 17, 2022

Funeral services For Milton “Thomas” Jayroe, age 78, of Philadelphia, will be at 10:00 on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Thomas passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Dr. Billy James and Bro. John Stephens will officiate the service. Burial will be at Bethsaida Baptist Church Cemetery in Philadelphia, MS. John E. Stephens Chapel will direct.

On June 22, 1943, in Philadelphia, MS a baby boy was born to farmer, Willis Talmadge Jayroe and his spunky wife, Zanie Yvonne. He was named Milton Thomas Jayroe after his grandfathers. Thomas was the second of five siblings. One day at the young age of 17, he decided he'd had enough of school and cotton fields and bravely joined the Army to serve his country for three years as a military policeman in Georgia, USA and Frankfort, Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army on December 9, 1963. Shortly after, Thomas met his beautiful wife, Charlotte Beckham, on December 25, 1963 at her grandparents' home and began what he called a “ red-hot romance”. They married November 20, 1964. Together they had three beautiful daughters, Savonna Kaye, Tarla Ann, and Valerie Lane. He worked at R.G. LeTourneau in Vicksburg, MS 1964-1973 where the family lived. He then joined Pipe-fitters and Plumbers Local #619 in Vicksburg working mainly at Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant until his retirement. During this time the family resided in Delhi, LA from 1974 to 1983, then he moved his family back home to Philadelphia where they settled. He excelled in his career as a

plumber/welder/pipe fitter and held supervisory positions in these areas. Providing for his beloved family was always his utmost priority, and in addition to his career, did so using his many skills as a mechanic, fisherman, hunter, cattleman, and farmer.

Thomas was devoted to his family and loved our Lord and Savior. He was a member of Bethsaida Baptist Church, Golden Grove Masonic Lodge #323, and Hamasa Shriners of Meridian. When he retired from work, he enjoyed traveling “out west” with Charlotte and friends on several occasions. Thomas treasured being with family and friends. His most enjoyable pastime was being on his favorite red clay hill in Tucker tinkering with vehicles, gardening, horse-riding, bee-keeping, deer-hunting, motorcycle riding, maintaining his family land, and visiting neighbors. This kept him busy, which is what he wanted to be! He and Charlotte enjoyed a brief residence near Jamestown, TN where they made great friends, rode horses and enjoyed God’s beautiful creation. Thomas was known for his hardworking morals, straightforward personality, sarcastic humor, fearless attitude, and intelligence of common sense.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Zanie Jayroe; baby brother, Bobby Jayroe; and baby sister, Inez Mott.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Charlotte; three daughters, Savonna (Robert) Mikell, Tarla (Keith) Page, and Valerie (Tan) Watkins; five grandchildren, Dinnon (Megan) Breazeale, Neylie Breazeale, Avery (Erica) Lovern, Konner Lovern, and Jude Watkins; two great-granddaughters, Daisy and Vada Lovern; brother, Tony Jayroe; sister, Ruth Whitehead; uncle, Pat (Milbur) Posey; and a host of step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday, April 20, 2022

at John E. Stephens Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethsaida Cemetery

10690 ROAD 517  
Philadelphia, , MS 39350

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

JOHN E. STEPHENS CHAPEL  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *MR. THOMAS JAYROE*

November 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Charlotte I am so sorry for your loss! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

**Pam Manning** - April 23, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Bob and I were blessed to know Thomas and Charlotte for many years. I know he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Our prayers are with you and wish we could be there in person to show our love and support. God bless!*

*Bob and Dot Wilkerson*

**Bob and Dot Wilkerson** - April 20, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.*

April 20, 2022 at 03:58 PM



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“ George and Jean Callen purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.



George and Jean Callen - April 20, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.



April 20, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.



April 19, 2022 at 04:15 PM

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“ Jodie Neese Cottles lit a candle in memory of MR. THOMAS JAYROE



Jodie Neese Cottles - April 18, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.*



April 18, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of MR. THOMAS JAYROE.*



April 18, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Ava & Scotty Howell lit a candle in memory of MR. THOMAS JAYROE*



**Ava & Scotty Howell** - April 18, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ *Charlotte and family, we are sorry to hear of Thomas passing. Know that you and all the family will be in our prayers today and in the days ahead.*

**Kate& Tommy Dearing** - April 17, 2022 at 07:34 PM