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Robert Lester Herring was born on 3Oct1928 in Sallis, MS, and died on 9Jul2023 in Germantown, TN at the age of 94. After graduating high school he escaped the poverty of his early childhood and traveled to Memphis to seek his fortune. Arriving with less than \$100 dollars in his pockets, he applied himself to mastering the skills of a carpenter, rose through the ranks, and started his own residential construction company in the late 1950s.

During the building boom, Martin and Herring completed up to 100 quality homes a month until the building bust in the 70s. They then turned to subdivision development, an area he found less than compelling, but Martin and Herring had such success, and he invested his money so wisely that he was able to provide for his family, supporting four children through various levels of schooling and even into their adult lives, and still retire at the age of 58.

On retirement he pursued his favorite pastime, fishing, and spent a great deal of time trolling on Sardis Lake. He commonly made an annual trip to Sterling, Alaska to visit friends and for salmon and halibut. Other hobbies included making wine, baskets, soap, and arrowheads. Unsuccessful early attempts at the endeavors of basket weaving and flintknapping often ended up sunk in the small lake in his own backyard. An everyman, humble and soft-spoken, he attracted constant and enduring friends from all walks of life.

Robert was preceded in death by his gentle and loving wife, Ernestene Herring, and his son, Robert Herring, Jr. He is survived by his devoted partner, Marie Palmer, three daughters, a large extended family and many treasured friends.




Events

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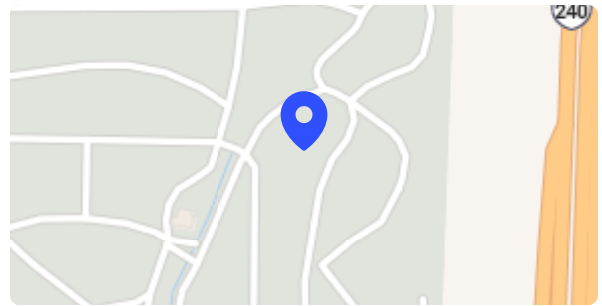
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Graveside Service

 **Tuesday**, July 18, 2023


 10:00 AM cst

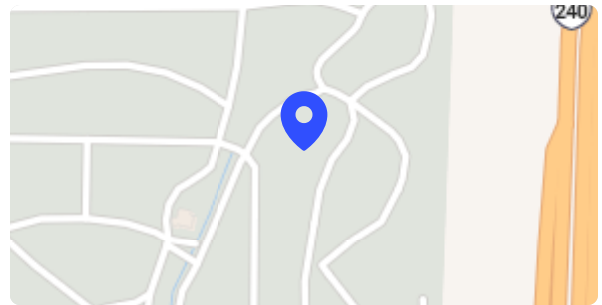
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Trey Herring shared a photo to the **Memories** album.



July 18 at 2:19 PM



Trey Herring shared a photo to the **Memories** album.



July 18 at 2:07 PM



Trey Herring shared a photo to the **Photos** album.



July 18 at 2:05 PM



Jackie Warshauer posted:

Uncle Robert provided caring emotional support when I was going through some bad times last year. I will always remember and appreciate his kind and thoughtful words. I also did enjoy hearing stories about growing up on the farm in Mississippi and what life was like back then.

July 18 at 3:18 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Herring family.



July 17 at 10:17 AM



Sandra Wilson posted:

Mr Robert was a great person he had been in our family 11 or 12 years always been nice to all of our family

July 14 at 1:31 PM



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Johnny, Sherry, Collin And Karsyn Keel sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Herring family.

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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Herring family.

July 14 at 8:46 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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