

OBITUARY

William George "Bill" Nettles

William George "Bill" Nettles departed from this life on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at the age of 68, at home in the company of his family.

He was born to the late Joseph Henry and Ellen Clyde (East) Nettles on February 22, 1954. Growing up in Brandon, Mississippi, he graduated from Brandon High School. He attended Mississippi College and went on to complete a PhD in Nuclear Physics at Vanderbilt University.

He began his career in the U.S. Navy, serving under Admiral Rickover as part of the nuclear navy. He then returned to Mississippi to raise his children near their grandparents. He was a respected Professor of Physics for twenty-three years at Mississippi College and sixteen years

at Union University, where he served as Department Chair and Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. He recently retired and was named Professor Emeritus. Many students recall fondly his reading of Psalms and prayer to begin each class.

Some referred to Bill as a modern Renaissance Man. He had many interests, including growing prize-winning roses, woodworking and working on classic cars. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and playing croquet. He participated in university sports as part of the football statistics team at MC and as the shotclock operator at Union. Perhaps his favorite



hobby was playing his bass guitar. He enjoyed attending camps at Wooten Woods, being in the Jackson Hubtet and the Jackson Swing Orchestra, and leading worship with the praise band at Cornerstone Community Church, where he was an active member and deacon.

He was committed to serving Christ and spreading the Gospel. He did this through many mission trips and through opening his home to college students and others in need. He was a college Sunday School teacher at Morrison Heights Baptist Church for many years and encouraged the use of

inductive Bible study.

He is survived by Alice, his wife of 46 years; daughter, Claire Gilliam (David) of Clinton, Mississippi; son, Philip Nettles (Kenna) of Madison, Mississippi; siblings, Jo Ellen Austin (Tony), Tom Nettles (Margaret), and Sylvia Dickson (Tom); and six grandchildren, Kate, Caleb, Eleanor and Maggie Gilliam, Abigail and Wesley Nettles.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, June 11, at 11a.m. at Morrison Heights Baptist Church. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to MHBC Missions Fund, 3000 Hampstead Blvd, Clinton, MS 39056 or MC Physics Department Special Fund, PO Box 4005, Clinton, MS 39058.



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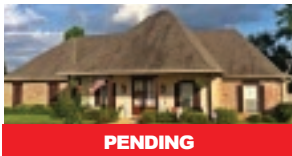
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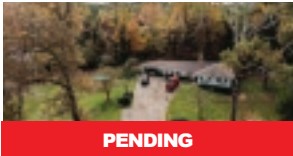
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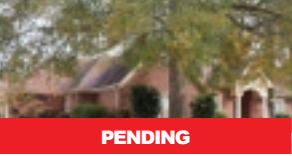
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