



## George Samuel Oakley

November 5, 1939 - February 23, 2020

George Samuel Oakley, 80, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2020, at Mockingbird Assisted Living in Booneville. He was born in Booneville on November 5, 1939, to George Enoch Oakley and Virginia Franks Oakley. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church.

George was a 1958 graduate of Booneville High School where he was a High School Prep All-American Basketball player. He attended Mississippi State University and earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling. During his time at Mississippi State he was a member of the basketball team that won 3 SEC Championships. He enjoyed playing golf and was an avid Mississippi State Bulldog fan.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Thursday, February 27, 2020, at Booneville Funeral Home with Bro. Ricky Bishop officiating. Visitation will start at 11:00 AM and go until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in Booneville Cemetery. Booneville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his sons, Greg Oakley (Roxanne) of Guntown and Jon Oakley (Belinda) of Southaven; one brother, Bob Oakley (Doll) of Louisville; one sister, Gaye Calhoun (Billy) of Oxford; a granddaughter, Eliza Oakley; a grandson, Judson Oakley; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Bill Calhoun, David Calhoun, Sean Oakley, Bill Ward, Jr., Keith Steiner, John Andy Ward, Manfred Saylor, and Joe Grooms. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Dillard, Kermit Davis, Sr., Dalton Garner, and Dr.

David Greenhaw.

Memorials may be made to Christ United Methodist Church Youth Fund 138  
Cr 7200, Booneville, MS 38829.

# Cemetery Details

**Booneville Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home  
506 North Third Street  
Booneville, MS 38829  
(662) 728-6607  
<https://www.boonevillefuneralhome.net>

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ George Samuel Oakley was my double first cousin. He was also my childhood hero! I remember as a kid watching Booneville High School's number 8 fill the basket with perfectly-executed 25-foot jump shots! I marveled at his grace and daring on the high board at Booneville's swimming pool back in the 1960s. He was a pretty solid football player as well. To top it all off, he looked like a movie star (see photo at left)!

*To all of George Samuel's family, I am thinking of you today and in the days to come. Rest in peace, dear cousin.*

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**Steve Franks** - February 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of George Samuel Oakley.



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February 27, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear about George’s death. I am unable to attend the funeral today, but wanted to extend my sympathy and prayers to his family and friends, who are my friends too. Even though I haven’t seen George very often these last few years, I still considered him to be a good friend. He was one of the first to get me involved in golf and I still have mixed emotions about whether that was a good or a bad thing. I never could get even close to his level of play, but I thank him for getting me involved. I regret that I won’t be able to express to his family personally my sympathy to them

*Blessings to all,*

*Tommy Floyd  
Memphis, TN*

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**Tommy Floyd** - February 27, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of George Samuel Oakley.



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February 26, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of George Samuel Oakley.



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February 26, 2020 at 04:47 PM

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“ I played lots of golf with Coach. He was one of the good guys. Prayers for his family as they celebrate a life well lived. R.I.P. Coach.

Quay Parks - February 26, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Samuel Oakley.



February 25, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of George Samuel Oakley.



February 25, 2020 at 05:22 PM