



Manfred Tyson Saylor

December 23, 1946 - February 17, 2026

Manfred Tyson Saylor, 79, passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at NMMC Hospice. A lifelong resident of Booneville, MS, Manfred was a man of deep faith, dedication to his community, and an unwavering love for his family and his Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Manfred graduated from Wheeler High School in 1964, where he excelled as a basketball player and served as Student Body President. He continued his education at Northeast Mississippi Community College before earning his Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State University in 1968. He began his career as a coach in Booneville, mentoring young athletes in football and basketball alongside Jim Drewry and GERAL CAVENESS. However, Manfred is perhaps best known for his storied 48-year career as a State Farm Agent. Before retiring in November 2021, he earned numerous prestigious honors, including 35 consecutive years of the Crystal Excellence Designation and 35 consecutive years in the Legion of Honor and Ambassador's Club.

Manfred was a devoted member of Christ Methodist Church in the Blackland community. An avid traveler and golfer, he was also a legendary supporter of Mississippi State University, proudly ranked #732 out of over 10,000 Bulldog Club members. Whether he was traveling the world or enjoying his "Morning Coffee Club," Manfred's presence was a staple in his community.

Of all his achievements, Manfred's greatest joy came from his family. Above all else, his favorite, most important, and what made him most happy was his granddaughter, Emma Saylor. He loved her dearly and made sure to talk

about her to everyone he met.

Manfred is survived by his wife, Joy Saylor; his sons, Paul Tyson Saylor (Shannon) of Saltillo, and John Manfred Saylor of Booneville; granddaughter, Emma Saylor of Saltillo; and brother, Deryl Saylor (Brenda) of Booneville. He is preceded in death by his parents, Archie Ree and Gladys Dean Moore Saylor, and his brothers, Dean Saylor and Kerry "K-Boy" Saylor.

Funeral services will be held at Booneville Funeral Home with the following schedule: Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Saturday visitation will resume at 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Funeral services will follow at 2:00 PM. Bro. Bill Beavers and Joe Coggins will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Blackland Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Charles Melvin Geno, Greg Geno, Jimmy Moore, Wilbert Walden, Ron Whitehead, Larry Morgan, and Berry Moore. Honorary pallbearers will be his Morning Coffee Club and his State Farm Family.

On behalf of the family, we would like to send a special thanks to the doctors, nurses and the medical staff of the NMMC ICU Unit, Palliative Care Unit and the Hospice Unit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Christ Methodist Church-Blackland or the Prentiss County Cross Campaign.

Cemetery Details

Blackland Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home
506 N Third St
Booneville, MS 38829
info@boonevillefuneralhome.net

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 21 (CT)

Blackland Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor as youth in high school and college to know Manford. Not only from church but as a good man in prentiss county. He was one of a kind and always had a positive thing to say. Thoughts and prayers with family knowing he is with other family and friends walking the golden streets of heaven and smiling down



Traugott Humphreys - February 18 at 09:02 PM

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“ Manfred was a dear friend that I loved. We will miss him for many reasons. He loved to pick at me about things and would always give me that smile and laugh.

Wanda Anderson - February 18 at 06:31 PM