



Luther Brooks Epting Sr.

January 18, 1942 - May 6, 2021

West Point, MS - Luther Brooks Epting, Sr. died on May 6, 2021 at home in West Point, with his family by his side. Luther was born on January 18, 1942 in New Albany, MS to Brooks and Avis Epting (deceased).

Luther was a graduate of Itawamba Junior College and Mississippi College where he excelled in basketball and baseball. He later obtained his Master's Degree and Doctorate of Education from Mississippi State University.

Luther retired from Mississippi State University after 37 years as the Director of the Cooperative Education Program and Career Center. His biggest pleasure was spending time with his 8 grandchildren. He loved watching Mississippi State sports as well as relaxing and enjoying his house on Smith Lake.

Luther is survived by his wife, Jamie Brewer Epting, his children Michelle Armstrong (Eddie), Susan Wilbanks (Richard) and Brooks Epting (Kelly); and his grandchildren Jordan and Brooks Armstrong, Richie and Lee Wilbanks, Bradon, Colby, Marley and Addison Epting. He is also survived by his sister, Jo Epting King of Cullman, AL.

Calvert Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Pallbearers are Jordan Armstrong, Richie Wilbanks, Lee Wilbanks, Bradon Epting, Colby Epting and Graham Gaines.

Honorary pallbearers are Austin Berry, Stephen Berry, James Hawkins, Steve Montgomery, Mike Mathews, Sam Sovilla, Bill Taylor, Roy Gregg, Tom Akins, Dick Able, and Jim Antonick.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 10, 2021 from 10:00-11:00 am and the funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 am in the Calvert Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in West Point, MS.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to:

The Mission

2494 East Church Hill Road

West Point, MS 39773

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

West Point, MS 39773

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM.

Calvert Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *In the field of cooperative education, there are trailblazers and the quiet people behind the lines who make the heart of the movement happen. Luther is both, but I suspect he would take more pleasure in just noting the role that the education concept he so helped promote helps so many.*

I am so sorry to know lately about his passing. A consummate gentleman, an astute administrator, and someone I respected for so many years. My dear sir, I honor you!! Fondly, Polly Hutcheson

PS I remember the time my husband asked you where you would like to go after death because he thought your job of overseeing and playing major courses was every golf player's idea of heaven.

Polly Hutcheson - April 05 at 08:44 PM

DA

“ It was my honor and privilege to work with Luther and to call him a colleague and friend. He was a smart, wise and kind man who took me under his wing and helped me to grow as a young professional in cooperative education. We had long conversations over a round of golf or a get together at the end of a busy conference work day with his goal to convince me that the alternating cooperative education program was a "far superior model" to parallel cooperative education (I can just hear Luther having a chuckle right now). I respected his point of view, his deep intelligence and experience, and his passion for his work with young people to help them get a good start in life. I'll say now, he might have been right about that alternating plan! (He's really laughing now!) My fondest memory of Luther was when we went to Albuquerque for a site visit. He discovered that it was my birthday while we were there and, unbeknownst to me, made birthday plans! We had a ball and it is one of my more memorable birthdays. He had a keen sense of humor and a marvelous take on life - there was no fooling him and there were several times that he advised me with all the kindness and gentleness of his southern charm "against this course of action." It was advice that was absolutely spot on. It was like he knew my blind side and had it covered for me. I have not been in touch with Luther in recent years, but I am deeply saddened by his passing. I know that while he leaves an empty chair at many a table, he leaves behind good memories of friendship, warmth and kindness. I am so glad that our paths were running in the same direction for a while. Rest in peace until that great reunion in the sky. With love, Dawn

Dawn - May 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MB

“ No one in the field of cooperative education was respected more than Luther Epting. He was always willing to help. At the same time, Luther was humble and enjoyed life to the fullest. Glad to have known you! God bless you.

Maureen Barcic

Maureen Barcic - May 11, 2021 at 08:38 AM

MD

“ To Jamie and the family. I always had a good time when I was around Luther. My time at IJC was very special with Luther. All of the basketball had team a good time playing and practicing with him. The times my wife and I came to West Pont to visit were always very special. I am so sorry that we never came to Smith Lake to visit with him and the family. He was always inviting us down to the lake house. He will always be missed by his many friends. I have called some of the teams members that on the team when we all played together. Take care of the family and may God bless each and everyone of you. Mike Dungan fellow team member at IJC.

mike dungan - May 10, 2021 at 08:14 PM

SH

“ Dearest Jamie, Michelle, Susan, Brooks and Families:

I am so sorry to learn of Luther's passing by reading his obituary on line just now. He was such a kind, thoughtful, caring, Christian gentlemen. He will be missed by all.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of losing your loved one.

With deepest sympathy-

*Susan Holder
West Point, MS*

Susan P. Holder - May 10, 2021 at 12:32 PM

AC

“ *Sherman High School class of 1959 sends our sympathy. Each classmate has special memories of Luther. It was always good to see him at the Sherman reunions.*

arweeda coker - May 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JO

“ *Michelle I am sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Juanita O'Brian

Juanita O'Brian - May 09, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luther Brooks Epting Sr..*



May 09, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Luther's passing. I knew his name as a student from my co-op advisor before I met him as a professional. He was so kind and gracious, and I loved playing golf with him at the annual conference. I never did get down to play Waverly, but he always invited us down! So lucky to have known Luther in my professional career. Wishing you and your family the best in this difficult time.*

Anita Todd - May 09, 2021 at 07:51 AM

ES

“ Luther, just want you to know that i love you like a brother and will pray for you. You have been a friend for well over 40 years and it was always a happy time for me whenever we spent time together. Our friendship began as professional acquaintances, blossoming over time into a friendship that I will cherish all my life. You were a very accomplished professional but, despite your many exceptional contributions in your career, you never made an effort to impress. I don't believe this trait was part of your consciousness, it was because you had your priorities in order. You were unselfish, you deeply cared about your family and friends, you had a zest for life, and you were grateful for what you had in life. Impressing people wasn't important to you. This was one of your most impressive traits and was one of the reasons you were so highly respected by all who knew you. You once said to me, when you knew that your time was drawing near, "It's not win or lose, but how you play the game". My dear friend Luther, no one played their final earthly pain filled weeks better then you. I will never forget your last words to me in our conversation a few weeks ago, a time when we both knew the end was near,, "I'll see you in August". For me and the others you kindly annually hosted at your bakehouse, not an August will go by without our fondly thinking how your friendship was blessing in our lives. R.I.P. my friend an God Bless you and your family.

E Sam Sovilla - May 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM

ST

“ With sympathy and friendship,

Susanne Allen Thomas

Susanne Allen Thomas - May 07, 2021 at 09:56 PM

RR

“*Jamie, I'm thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Praying that precious memories will bring comfort to you during the coming days.*

Ron Rounsaville-Gatlinburg, TN

Ron Rounsaville - May 07, 2021 at 08:12 PM

PH

“*My heart is saddened to learn that Luther has passed; but we all know Heaven has gained another Angel. Bob joins me in sympathy and prayer that you will feel God's love and comfort as you face this time of great loss. Christ's Peace. With love, Priscilla*

Priscilla Allen Harper - May 07, 2021 at 06:08 PM

TA

“*Luther was the epitome of a Southern gentleman. His value to me professionally as a role model, mentor, colleague, and confidante has been immeasurable, but words cannot express how much I cherished his friendship. The world has lost a true giver, and he will be greatly missed by many. My heartfelt sympathies to his family at this very trying time.*

Tom Akins - May 07, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“*Luther was one of the finest people I have ever known. He taught so much to friends and coworkers, and helped raise amazing children who will carry his message into the future. I count myself as extremely lucky to have had him as a colleague and friend for over forty years.*

Bill Taylor - May 07, 2021 at 04:52 PM