



## Mr. Joe Merrick

October 20, 1943 - May 7, 2021

Joe was born October 20, 1943 in Natchez, the son of Mary Lou Merrick and Oscar Merrick. He graduated with the Class of 1961 from Sadie V. Thompson High School and retired as an equipment maintenance supervisor at International Paper Company. Mr. Merrick was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was a member of the Beef Board and Commissioner of the Social and Water Conservation Board. Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, cattle ranching and working with his hands.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Mildred Howard and Marian Jenkins, brothers Oscar D. Merrick, Jr. and Roy Lee Merrick, nephew Anthony Merrick and son Greg Davis, Sr.

Joe leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters Shamille Merrick Peters and Candace Merrick; two sons Darryl Merrick and William Merrick (Jennifer); sister Elva Merrick Edwards; grandchildren Marquise Thomas, Amiya Powell, Cohen Merrick, Gabriella Merrick, Ahmad Peters, LaJuan Peters, Gregory Davis, Jr., Shanayka Davis, and Crystal Davis; great grandchild Ace Peters, other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.westgatefh.com](http://www.westgatefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset View Memorial Park Cemetery

1617 Martin Luther King Jr Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street  
Natchez, MS 39120  
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## Graveside Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sunset View Memorial Park Cemetery  
1617 M.L.K. Jr Rd  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joe Merrick*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Prayers for the family .. I knew Mr.Joe years back and he was a kind hearted man that offered inspiring words to me as my heart and soul was very wounded . I never got a chance to see him after I got my life together and share with him what God had done and is still doing in my life . God bless his family and friends and Jesus ask U send Your comforter tho them and wrap Your arms around them tight . He was a good man*

**melissa turnage** - May 14, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *May God give you peace and comfort as He keeps your heart and mind!*

*Neighborhood Recovery CDC Staff and Board!*

**P Charles** - May 14, 2021 at 12:07 AM



“ *Joyce Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Merrick*



**Joyce Lewis** - May 13, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Merrick*



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**Maxine Railey** - May 13, 2021 at 06:37 PM

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“ *West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest condolences to the Merrick family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May the comfort of God help you as you take "one day at a time."*

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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - May 11, 2021 at 09:29 AM

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“ *WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Merrick*



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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - May 11, 2021 at 09:27 AM

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“ *Rosie Woods Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Merrick*



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**Rosie Woods Varnado** - May 07, 2021 at 04:11 PM