



Willie "Lee, Shug" Legrand McPhatter Sr.

October 6, 1940 - January 10, 2026

Mr. Willie Legrand McPhatter, Sr. (Lee, Shug), 85, of Thomasville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on January 10, 2026, at Hospice of Davidson County.

Lee was born on October 6, 1940, in Dillon County, South Carolina, to the late Dock McPhatter and Rosie Simpson McPhatter. He attended Bright Light Freewill Baptist Church. Lee retired after 45 dedicated years of service at Thomasville Furniture, Plant D, Machine 2B, where he was known for his strong work ethic and dependability.

In addition to his parents, Lee was preceded in death by his beloved soulmate and wife of 53 years, Carolyn Sue McPhatter; six sisters, Victoria (Vic) McPhatter, Mary Moody, Evelyn Richardson, Sarah Leonard, Pat Fox, and Theda Allen; and one brother, Laval McPhatter.

He is survived by his three children, Angela McPhatter; Edwina McPhatter Hardee and husband Jerry; Lee McPhatter, Jr. and wife Christa. He also leaves behind four cherished grandchildren, Matt "Arnold" Holland (Angie), Taylor McPhatter and fiancé Alex, Alli Hurley and husband Josh, and Wil "Wilster" McPhatter III. Lee was a proud great-grandfather to Faith Holland and Poppy Bailey, with great-granddaughter Lila Raine Hurley soon to arrive.

After retirement, Lee continued to serve others by working devotedly at Holly Hill Cemetery, a place that held special meaning to him. Lee was truly a ray of sunshine, always willing to lend a helping hand, never meeting a stranger, and leaving a lasting impression on everyone blessed to cross his path.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 p.m at the J.C Green & Sons Funeral Home in Thomasville. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the JC Green & Sons Chapel with Rev. Henry King, Rev. Jack Hurley, and Rev. Jimmy Garrett officiating. Burial will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to dear friend Barbara Bumgardner and family for their love, kindness, and support. The family also extends their sincere gratitude to the staff of Hospice of Davidson County for their compassionate care and support. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Davidson County.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

401 West Holly Hill Rd.
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-7455
memorials@hollyhillcemetery.com
<https://hollyhillcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home
122 W. Main St.
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-7774

Funeral Service

JAN **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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