



## Hardy Kergosien

March 28, 1947 - February 17, 2025

Born on March 28, 1947, Hardy's journey through life was marked by his achievements, dedication, and a profound love of family. His faith in God was strong, evidenced daily in his relationships with friends and acquaintances.

Hardy graduated from Hazlehurst High School in 1965 where he excelled in various athletic activities, was an honor student and had a love of the outdoors. After graduating high school, he attended Mississippi State University, where he joined the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. There, he made lifelong friends that endured until his final days. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering.

After graduation, he started his career at Union Carbide Corporation in Victoria, Texas. Upon returning to Hazlehurst in 1971, he had the opportunity to transition into the hardware business. He served his community for 31 years using the knowledge from his engineering experience to help his customers find solutions to their hardware needs.

He was active in various civic organizations throughout his career. His church played an important role in his life, allowing him to take many active positions serving his Lord.

Hardy was a great husband, father and friend. He faced the last phase of his

life without fear, without regret, without remorse, and was so very thankful for all the blessings life had given him.

After an extensive hospital stay, Hardy wanted to spend his last days at home. As per his wish, Hardy passed away peacefully on February 17, 2025 at his and Beverly's home, with his devoted wife by his side.

Hardy was preceded in death by his parents, Charles E. Kergosien and Virginia C. Kergosien. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Beverly Kergosien, children, Regan Wichman (Tracie), John Wichman (Sharmon), and Ginnie McCardle (Butch); his grandchildren, Cole Wichman, Grant Wichman, Austin Wichman, Hardy McCardle, Emma McCardle, and Lillie McCardle; his brothers Harold Kergosien (Carole) and Hunter Kergosien (Linda); and niece and nephews Matt Kergosien, Katie Warren, Art Kergosien and David Kergosien.

Services will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst, MS. Visitation will be held from 11:00 -1:30. The memorial service will begin at 1:30 in Stringer Family Chapel, with interment at Hazlehurst Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Hardy requested that donations be made to Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, 1003 Wolf Hollow Dr., Wesson, MS 39191.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Hazlehurst  
PO Box 884  
28023 Hwy 28  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
(601) 894-1331  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ So sorry for your loss.

John Ford - September 27, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AJ

“ Ann J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hardy Kergosien.

Ann J. - February 27, 2025 at 01:35 PM

AG

“ So sorry to hear of Hardy's passing. Prayers on the way for Hardy, Linda and the entire family. Love to all. Ann Morlan Gibson

Ann Morlan Gibson - February 24, 2025 at 03:42 PM

WK

“ William K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hardy Kergosien.

William K. - February 21, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hardy Kergosien.



February 20, 2025 at 01:01 PM

MT

“ Mr. & Mrs. Trotter-Fields purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hardy Kergosien.



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**Mr. & Mrs. Trotter-Fields** - February 20, 2025 at 10:26 AM

MT

“ From: Mr. & Mrs. Trotter-Fields planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hardy Kergosien.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Trotter-Fields** - February 20, 2025 at 10:26 AM

GI

“ Good Hope Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hardy Kergosien.



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**Good Hope Inc.** - February 20, 2025 at 07:21 AM

GI

“ Good Hope Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hardy Kergosien.

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**Good Hope Inc.** - February 20, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Hardy Kergosien.*



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February 19, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hardy Kergosien.

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February 19, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ *Hardy's greatest asset was his positive, happy outlook on life. Always smiling and charming. He was a fantastic Dad to his kids and Husband to Bev. The world has lost a very special person and Christian. Blessings to all the family as they walk through this season of mourning.*

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**Cissy May** - February 19, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Hardy! He was a fine man! We all grew up together in Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs! We were all great friends!*  
*Carla Donahoe Smelko!*

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**Carla Smelko** - February 19, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CR

“ *Belvia's and my prayers are with you during this time. I know Hardy is in a better place and is no longer sick. He was good big brother in PiKA.*

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**Charles Rodgers** - February 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SW

“ *Hardy's bother Hunter and wife Linda and family are close friends. Sharing sadness and sending love to all the family. We heard so many good things about Hardy, prayers for all. Evelyn & Sherman Swalm*

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**Swalm** - February 19, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *Love and Prayers With Ya'll....John 14....I have long appreciated Hardy's kindness and integrity as a neighbor and friend...May God grant you peace and strength in the coming days....*



*Sandra Cliburn Montgomery Texas previously Hazlehurst Mississippi*

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**Sandra Cliburn** - February 18, 2025 at 04:15 PM