



## Lonnie Thomas Sears

August 17, 1947 - January 23, 2026

Lonnie Sears, 78, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026, at his home.

Lonnie was born on August 17, 1947, and lived in Texas and Louisiana in his younger years before moving to Mississippi. He graduated from high school from Meridian, Mississippi, and then moved to Florence, Mississippi, where he and Ila lived for many years and attended First Baptist Church of Florence. Later in life, they moved to Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to be nearer to family. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, where he enjoyed his weekly fellowship with his Sunday School class.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Alyne, brother Bill, and sisters Freida (Shack) and Charlotte (Cox).

He is survived by his loving wife Ila (Hudson) and his daughter and son-in-law Robin and Sonny (Fail). He is also survived by his sisters - Gwen (Smith), Ramona (Norris), Nell (Kavanaugh) and Sheila (Jackson) and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins and friends of all ages.

Lonnie was an avid bass fisherman. Over the years, he was a member of many clubs and made many lifelong friendships through a shared love of

fishing. He spent many hours on the Ross Barnett Reservoir and was also a member at Lake Copiah. Most recently, he was awarded “The Ultimate Sportsman of 2023” by the Clinton Bass Club. His friends and family know that he is happily landing “the big one” in heaven now.

One of his best friends was his dog, Scooter. He and Scooter spent many hours together. Their favorite pastimes were watching TV - usually fishing shows or car shows - or listening to gospel music. Lonnie loved listening to gospel music and watching videos from Gaither Music.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 5pm-7pm at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. The funeral service will be at 11 am on Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs (visitation from 10am - 11am), followed by interment at Crystal Springs City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mississippi’s Toughest Kids Foundation.

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# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Springs Cemetery

Crystal Springs Cemetery  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
26141 Hwy 27  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1521  
[stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net](mailto:stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net)

## Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs  
300 S Jackson St  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

## Funeral Service

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JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs  
300 S Jackson St  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Jennifer P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Thomas Sears.

Jennifer P. - January 27 at 02:59 PM

RM

“ Richard and Carolyn Maloney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie Thomas Sears.



Richard and Carolyn Maloney - January 26 at 02:59 PM

HS

“ Harrison and Sandi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Thomas Sears.

Harrison and Sandi - January 25 at 01:08 PM

HS

“ Harrison and Sandi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lonnie Thomas Sears.



Harrison and Sandi - January 25 at 01:08 PM

YC

“ Your Niece, Tina Rae Collins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lonnie Thomas Sears.



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**Your Niece, Tina Rae Collins** - January 25 at 12:21 PM

DD

“ Dick, Gail and Daina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Thomas Sears.

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**Dick, Gail and Daina** - January 24 at 08:45 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lonnie Thomas Sears.



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January 24 at 08:45 PM

RN

“ Ramona & Bud Norris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie Thomas Sears.



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**Ramona & Bud Norris** - January 24 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Ramona & Bud Norris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Thomas Sears.*

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