



## Mr. Artie C. Plair

January 11, 1935 - May 21, 2025

\*\*\*A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. ARTIE C. PLAIR IS BEING HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 AT THE: WEST MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME IN STARKVILLE, MS.

\*\*\*PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW.

\*\*\*NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

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In Loving Memory of Artie C. Plair

Sunrise: January 12, 1935 – Sunset: May 21, 2025

With love in our hearts and peace in our spirits, we announce the homegoing of Artie C. Plair, who was called to his eternal rest on May 21, 2025, at the age of 90.

Artie was born on January 12, 1935, in Starkville, Mississippi, to the late Ezell and Sarah Plair. He was one of nine siblings, including brothers Ezell Plair Jr. and Freddie Plair (both deceased), and sisters Celie May Carpenter, Eddie May Gibson, and Ernestine Deloney (deceased). His surviving siblings include Jimmie Plair, Josephine Sudduth, and Elma Jean Jackson.

He was Class of 1956 at Oktibbeha County Training School (O.C.T.S.), where

he laid the foundation for a life defined by hard work, integrity, and devotion to family and faith.

In 1959, Artie met and married the love of his life, Augusta Hornesburger. Their love story blossomed into 67 beautiful years of marriage, marked by strength, partnership, and unwavering commitment. From this union, they were blessed with their beloved daughter, Uurissa Crowley.

Artie was a man of many talents and passions. He worked as a corrugated box machine operator at Green Bay Packaging for an extraordinary 57 years, earning the respect of all who knew him for his dedication and work ethic.

Outside of work, Artie had a well-known talent for billiards, where he was respected as a top champ. He also had a lifelong love for classic and sport cars—wherever he went, people knew him for his cool style and smooth presence. In his downtime, Artie enjoyed watching classic cowboy Westerns, a genre he never grew tired of, and proudly rooted for his favorite NBA team, the Detroit Pistons. He also loved to travel, especially when it meant heading back to his beloved hometown of Starkville, where his roots ran deep and his memories lived on.

Later in life, Artie became a devoted member of the House of Prayer Church of God in Christ in Kalamazoo, where he served faithfully as a deacon, offering his quiet strength, humility, and steadfast belief in God.

Artie leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Augusta Hornesburger-Plair; his daughters, Uurissa Crowley (Durell); Yvette Wilson; three grandchildren—Akala, Sariah, and Kiefer; and his great-grandson, Levi, who brought him great joy, and his siblings, Jimmie Plair, Josephine Sudduth, and Elma Jean Jackson, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Artie's life was a quiet testimony of love, loyalty, and grace. He lived with dignity, spoke with kindness, and carried himself with calm strength. We will miss his wisdom, his warmth, and the way he made us all feel at home.

# Cemetery Details

## Plairs Cemetery

1579 Sun Creek Road  
Starkville, MS 39759

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing For Family & Friends

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

West Memorial Funeral Home  
103 Jefferson Street  
Starkville, MS 39759

## A Service in Loving Memory

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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103 Jefferson Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Artie C. Plair



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**Harper Funeral Home** - May 29, 2025 at 11:36 PM

MB

*To my dear Auntie Gus, Uurissa and family. There was no one like our Uncle Artie. He was handsome, soft spoken, kind, and confident. We thank God for the privilege of being part of the Plair family. Our Mother, Mrs. Eddie Mae Gibson Clingman, loved him dearly. We loved him too. We'll never forget him and the class act he was. We love you, Auntie Gus and Uurissa. May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Mrs. Shirlene Gibson Baker** - May 30, 2025 at 05:30 PM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair



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**Malinda Ligon-Whitley** - June 12, 2025 at 12:35 AM

TF

“ *Theresa Prude & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Artie C. Plair*



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**Theresa Prude & Family** - June 11, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DA

“ *Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Doris Abbott** - June 08, 2025 at 11:17 AM

CO

“ *Cynthia Owens-White lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Cynthia Owens-White** - June 02, 2025 at 09:44 PM

LB

“ *Larry Bell lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Larry Bell** - May 31, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SH

“ *praying for your family during this difficult time. the Higgins Family* ”



Sharon Higgins - May 31, 2025 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair* ”



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - May 31, 2025 at 08:08 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair* ”



Pauline Gardner - May 31, 2025 at 01:10 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Artie Plair* ”



Helen (Mills) Brooks - May 30, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Artie Plair



Jack Dunigan - May 30, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair



Jack Dunigan - May 30, 2025 at 10:52 AM

EG

“ Edith. Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Artie Plair



Edith. Gardner - May 28, 2025 at 06:23 PM

EG

“ Edith. Gardner lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair



Edith. Gardner - May 28, 2025 at 06:22 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Artie Plair*



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**The Daniel Family** - May 28, 2025 at 03:01 PM

RF

“ *Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Royetta Fry-Walker** - May 28, 2025 at 10:52 AM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family praying 🙏 life well lived 🙏*

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**Dallas Boards and family** - May 27, 2025 at 06:27 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards and family lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - May 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Georgia Williams** - May 27, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JF

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to the Plair family.*



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**Josephine Doss-Smith & Family** - May 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

BG

“ *Betty Galloway lit a candle in memory of Artie Plair*



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**Betty Galloway** - May 26, 2025 at 07:16 PM