

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



John Patrick Pepper

SUNRISE: January 16, 1955 ♦ SUNSET: February 13, 2025

*For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand,
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
II Timothy 4:6-7*

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.
Bell's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
3477 Deasonville Road - Vaughan, MS 39039
Reverend Danny Harris, Officiating

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late John Patrick Pepper acknowledges the many thoughtful and comforting expressions of love and sympathy shown during our hour of bereavement.



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Men of Bell's Chapel



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Leon Washington, Jr.
Vincent K. Pepper
Thomas Pepper
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Brian Humphrey



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Family & Friends



INTERMENT

Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery
Vaughan, MS

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LIFE REFLECTIONS

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven,
not built by human hands. ~ II Corinthians 5: 1*

*John Patrick Pepper was born on January 16, 1955, in Vaughan,
MS to the late John J. Pepper and Luella Pepper. He and his twin
were born the thirteenth of 14 children.*

*John better known as "Johnny" accepted Christ at an early age at
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Vaughan, MS.*

*After high school he moved to Hattiesburg, MS where he worked
at Inland Container Corporation for several years. He moved back
to Vaughan, MS, and went into carpentry where he specialized in
roofing. He later married Helen Nelson.*

*Johnny leaves to cherish his memories, his wife: Helen Nelson;
eight sisters: Ethel Jean Jones of Los Angeles, CA, Mary Coleman
of Hattiesburg, MS, Thelma Johnson of Ruleville, MS, Zelma
Pepper of Kansas City, MO, Emma Jean (Leon) of Ridgeland, MS,
Rachel, Alice and Linda Pepper, both of St. Louis, MO; one
brother: Thomas (Marie) Pepper of Ridgecrest, CA; and a host of
nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.*

*He was preceded in death his parents: John J. Pepper and Luella
Pepper and three brothers: Curtis, James, and Otha Pepper.
Additionally, God saw fit to call home his twin brother, Jerry
Pepper, just days after Johnny's departure.*

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.*

*The angel said my place was ready in Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home
For God looked down, smiled at me and told me "Welcome Home"!*

*So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Brother Cleotha Epps, Program Guide

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading..... Reverend Jared Hawkins

Prayer.....Reverend Jerome Hawkins

Solo..... Brother Cleotha Epps

Expressions.....Two Minutes Please..... Family & Friends

Acknowledgements Brother Cleotha Epps

Obituary.....Read Silently..... Soft Music

Eulogy Reverend Danny Harris

Pastor, Bell's Chapel M.B. Church

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Recessional.....Ministers, Family & Friends

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Don't think of him as gone away

His journey's just begun,

Life holds so many facets

This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

That we could know today

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away.

And think of him as living

In the hearts of those he touched

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much.