



## Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.

June 13, 1939 - October 22, 2025

Brother Franklin Sears, Jr. began his earthly journey on June 13, 1939, in Camden, Arkansas, born to Julia Wyrick Hawthorne and Jessie “Red” Sears. At an early age, he accepted Christ and began his spiritual walk with Bethlehem Baptist Church, where his faith was firmly rooted. He received his education from Columbia High School in Magnolia, Arkansas.

On November 17, 1962, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Beatrice Johnson Sears, with whom he shared a devoted and loving union. Bro. Sears faithfully served for many years on the Usher Board at Bethlehem Baptist Church, remaining committed to God’s work until his health declined. Even in his final days, his heart’s desire was to return to church. When his earthly journey ended, he was at peace---ready to go home and be with the Lord.

Bro. Sears was employed as a cook at Southern State College (now Southern Arkansas University) and later worked at Southern Extrusion (now Hydro) until becoming disabled. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and cousin who loved his family deeply, especially his daughter, whom he cherished. Known for his compassion and willingness to help others, he never hesitated to be there when someone was ill, continuing a family tradition passed down from his mother of always answering the call to serve loved ones, no matter the hour.

In his leisure time, Bro. Sears enjoyed cars and fishing, two of his greatest hobbies.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, parents, grandson Jonathan Bass, sisters Dorothy Savage, Bell J. Carter, and Christell Ellis; his beloved son-in-law Carl Johnson, four nephews, and one niece.

Those left to cherish his memory include his devoted daughter Judy Sears Johnson; a niece he loved as a daughter, Dorothy Cooper; grandson Gabriel Bass; sister-in-law Erie Blakely; brother-in-law Robert (Yvonne) Ellis of Shreveport, Louisiana; two great granddaughters, Madison Bass of Magnolia and Aziria Bass of Australia; along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends whom he loved dearly.

Bro. Sear's life was marked by faith, service, and love, a quiet strength that touched everyone who knew him and a legacy that will live on in the hearts of his family forever.

Celebration of Life services will be held Wednesday, October 29th, 2025, at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at 23rd Psalms Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Dr. B.J. Harris, Pastor/Eulogist.

Visitation will be Tuesday, {Oct. 28th}, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

# Cemetery Details

## 23rd Psalms Cemetery

Columbia Rd # 30 East  
Magnolia, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home  
100 Hwy 79 North  
Magnolia, AR 71753  
(870) 901-3536

## Celebration of Life

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
900 S. Washington  
Magnolia, AR

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Kenneth Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Kenneth Ransom** - January 31 at 01:42 PM

GJ

“ *Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Gladys Talley Jones** - November 07, 2025 at 09:15 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Kathy Moore** - October 31, 2025 at 02:04 PM

WS

“ *Winder Sharp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Winder Sharp** - October 31, 2025 at 08:44 AM

LI

“ Lisa Irvin-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - October 31, 2025 at 04:14 AM

GT

“ Gracia W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



Gracia W Tucker - October 29, 2025 at 11:30 PM

GT

*Sending heartfelt sympathy and love to the Sears family. As you prepare to lay your loved one to rest may you find comfort in knowing others share in your grief. Frank was a man of honor and a heart of gold. He believed in helping others in whatever way he could. He was always on his Christian duty even as an usher on his post. He will be solely missed by those who really knew him. Rest in peace Frank with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Not saying goodbye but, see you later.. 🙏💔✝️*

Gracia W Tucker - October 29, 2025 at 11:37 PM

CF

“ Carlton Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



carlton franklin - October 29, 2025 at 10:19 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Vevelyn Jackson** - October 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RH

“ *We Extend Our Condolences To The Mr. Franklin Sears Jr. Family. Mr. Sears Was An Outstanding Man. We Are Blessed To Have Known Him. He Was Always Kind And Friendly. He Was A Man Of Faith, And One Of The Nicest Men That We Have Ever Met. He Dearly Loved And Cared For His Family.They Dearly Loved And Cared For Him As Well. Mrs. Judy Johnson And Family, I Pray For God To Grant You Comfort And Strength During This Time And Always. Trust Me, He Will! You Did Your Part By Standing By His Side. Mr. Sears Appreciated It. Memories Are Forever! Mr. Sears Left Many Wonderful Ones Behind. Embrace Them! God And Those Memories Will Carry You Through. Love, Prayers, And Blessings Always!*



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**Robert And Debbie Newborn Harper** - October 29, 2025 at 05:07 AM



“ *Arbab Khan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Arbab Khan** - October 28, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Arbab Khan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Arbab Khan** - October 28, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BD

“ *Barbara L Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Barbara L Daniels** - October 27, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Mary S. Pickings** - October 26, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ *Mr Sears will be highly missed.*



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**Jennifer White** - October 26, 2025 at 07:23 PM

RJ

“ *Mr. Sears was such an humble and amazing man. He will be greatly missed.* ”



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**Reginald & Teresa James** - October 25, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DM

“ *Damon Moore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.* ”



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**Damon Moore** - October 25, 2025 at 03:41 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.* ”



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**Bonnie Hardwell** - October 25, 2025 at 11:44 AM

CT

“ *Carol Tyson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.* ”



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**Carol Tyson** - October 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MC

“ *Michael & Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.*



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**Michael & Mary Clayton** - October 24, 2025 at 12:17 PM

MC

*Our condolences to the family. Mr. Frank as I've always called him was a great friend of my dad and his twin brother. He was a great and honorable man whom I had to greatest respect for.*

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**Michael & Mary Clayton** - October 24, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MC

*Our condolences to the family. Mr. Frank as I always called him was a great friend of my dad and his twin brother. He was a great and honorable man whom I had the highest respect for..*

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**Michael & Mary Clayton** - October 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM

SA

“ *A great man indeed, my prayers are with the family.*

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**Stan Askew** - October 24, 2025 at 12:12 PM

BA

“ *My condolences to the family*



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**Brenda Alexander** - October 23, 2025 at 10:47 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



Dearlean Hughes - October 23, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ My condolences to the Sears family. Judy and Gabriel, we are praying for your comfort and healing.

James Hayes - October 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM

TM

“ Travianell Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



Travianell Morgan - October 23, 2025 at 08:30 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jacobs-Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Franklin Sears Jr.



Brenda Jacobs-Hanson - October 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM

GC

“ To Judy and Gabriel condolences and prayers to you and your extended family on the passing of Mr Sears. May GOD keep you all covered in HIS mercy and grace during this difficult time now and hereafter LOVE YOU 🕊️🙏🤝❤️🤝🙏❤️



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**Gwen Carter** - October 23, 2025 at 05:40 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss.



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**Mary S. Pickings** - October 23, 2025 at 05:27 PM