



Hugh Ellis Huggins

January 24, 1938 - February 1, 2026

Hugh Ellis Huggins, age 88, of Decatur, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Riverside Assisted Living Center.

Mr. Huggins was born in Blount County, Alabama on January 24, 1938, to Guy and Nettie Ellis Huggins. He was a faithful member of Decatur Baptist Church for more than 60 years, where he served in many roles, always preferring to work behind the scenes rather than in the spotlight.

Over the years, Hugh was inspired by The Brady Bunch and dreamed of traveling with his family—journeys that took them across the West and all the way to Florida. He gave sacrificially of himself to create lasting memories. He also enjoyed camping, canoeing, yard work, and birdwatching.

Hugh worked for Monsanto Company as a forklift operator and played football in the company league. He was an avid Alabama football fan—“Roll Tide”—and his final spoken word was “Amen,” after a family member said those beloved words.

Known to some as “Hoppy,” he was best known as Pa-Paw to his grandchildren, who adored him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Nettie Huggins; brothers,

Johnny and Wayne Huggins; and sister, Juanita Buckner.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jo Ann Huggins; children, Michael (Sarah) Huggins, Pam (Bill) Vaughn, and Christy (Eddie) Johns; grandchildren, Alex (Shelly) Huggins, Thomas "T.C." Williams, Audrey Ann (Jacob) Smith, Cam (Madison) Johns, and Kristie (James) Edwards; great-grandchildren, Tatum Huggins, Xander Huggins, Josie Ann Smith, Wyatt Johns, and Lucie Edwards; sisters, Frances (Bill) Barnett and Nancy (John) Gentry; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home, with Reverend Benny Sivley officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until service time on Thursday at the funeral home. Hugh will be laid to rest at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

709 Memorial Drive SW
Decatur, AL 35601

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home
711 Memorial Drive SW
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 863-3777
<http://www.decaturbrownservicefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



February 05 at 12:06 AM



“ Gloria Ligon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Ellis Huggins.

Gloria Ligon - February 05 at 12:06 AM



“ Jackson And Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



Jackson And Family - February 04 at 06:54 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



February 04 at 01:25 PM

BN

“ Bill and Frances John and Nancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Ellis Huggins.

Bill and Frances John and Nancy - February 04 at 11:07 AM

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“ Bill and Frances John and Nancy purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



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GH

“ Gregory, Joy, Lindon and Wyatt Hand purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



Gregory, Joy, Lindon and Wyatt Hand - February 04 at 10:43 AM

JW

“ So Very Sorry Jo Ann 🙏🙏🙏
Praying For You and Your Precious Family

Joan Terry Williams - February 03 at 08:13 PM



“ We have many fond memories of Ellis. We shared the Berean class with him and Jo Ann at Decatur Baptist. He was a good man who loved his family and friends.

Jim and Rita Wise

Rita - February 03 at 07:34 PM



“ Carol H. Steve Buckner, and Julie H. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Hugh Ellis Huggins.



Carol H. Steve Buckner, and Julie H. - February 03 at 07:29 PM



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February 03 at 06:51 PM