



## Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham

March 29, 1930 - May 18, 2021

Everett Paschal Gresham (Pat), 91, of Ripley Mississippi passed away peacefully on May 18, 2021 at the Veteran's Home in Oxford, Mississippi. Pat was born March 29, 1930 to Preston Cleveland Gresham and Lucy Mae Box Gresham of Hickory Flat, Mississippi. Pat was married to his beloved and devoted wife Violet (Cricket) Grisham Gresham for more than 35 years. Pat was of the Baptist faith. Pat was loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a devoted and loving husband and stepfather. He always had a smile on his face and an infectious laugh that brought joy to so many. Pat enjoyed refereeing basketball games in Tippah and surrounding counties. Pat proudly served his country by joining the Army as a young man. He served time in both Germany and France. Once out of the service, Pat became a farmer and spent many years living and working off the land. Pat answered the duties call once again when he was elected Sheriff of Benton County. He was proud to serve and protect as it was his nature to be selfless. Pat served 12 years as Sheriff before becoming Chief of Police in Ashland, Mississippi. He continued his law enforcement career part time in Ripley, Mississippi before his retirement. Often you could find Pat at the local coffee shop with his friends, laughing and telling stories. He also loved spending time with his beloved Cricket who was the apple of his eye. Doing yard work and playing with his pets were some of his favorite hobbies. Pat's love for his family was one like no other. Pat was a loving and doting husband to Cricket, and although Pat had no biological children, he loved and cared for his four

stepchildren as if they were his own.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Pat is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Violet "Cricket" Grisham Gresham (Cricket); stepdaughters Kathy Smith of New Albany; Amanda M. Blaylock of Fredericksburg, Virginia; stepsons Stephen Smith (Cyndi) of Pine Grove; Michael Smith of Pine Grove; grandchildren; Heather, Marshall, Sarah, Tyler, Ian, James, Everett, Winston, Meagan, Michael, Will and twins: Bebe and Jackson.

The funeral service for Pat will be held at McBride funeral home in Ripley, Mississippi. Visitation will be Saturday May 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m. The funeral immediately to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Pine Grove cemetery. The obituary will be read by Amanda Blalock. Scripture reading will be given by Kathy Smith and Michael Smith. Stephen Smith, Jack Gadd and Milton Kuykendall will give the eulogy. The closing prayer will be given by Winston Smith.

The pallbearers will be: Marshall Smith, Tommy Walters, Tony Farese, Mike Griffin, Larry Simpson, John Booth Farese, Bill Renick, Jimmy Kimmerly, Ricky Pipkin

Honorary pallbearers: Harry Ward, Jimmy Simpson, Billy Taylor, Danny Thompson, Dennis Grisham, Randall Huddleston, Freeman Duncan, Jack Blalock, Jim Richardson

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Grove Cemetery

Dumas, MS 38625

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
mbrideripley@gmail.com  
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Colleen Dunnam lit a candle in memory of  
Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham*



**Colleen Dunnam** - May 22, 2021 at 01:11 AM



“ *Dear Cricket, So sorry for your loss. May God Bless you with His  
Peace and Love and Comfort during this difficult time. You have our  
love.*

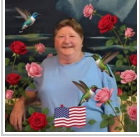
**Colleen Dunnam** - May 22, 2021 at 01:10 AM



“ *Joe & Jolane (Thompson) Bonafield & Family  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham.*



**Joe & Jolane (Thompson) Bonafield & Family** - May 21, 2021  
at 04:07 PM



“ *Lois Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham*



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**Lois Watson** - May 21, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Pamela Hill lit a candle in memory of Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham*



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**Pamela Hill** - May 21, 2021 at 05:57 AM



“ *WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Paschal "Pat" Gresham*



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**WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** - May 20, 2021 at 03:33 PM