



## William Darrell Hawthorne

September 18, 1937 - February 7, 2025

William Darrell Hawthorne, known to all as Darrell, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, in Searcy, Arkansas, at the age of 87. He was born on September 18, 1937, in Malvern, Arkansas, to Clarence and Elizabeth Hawthorne. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Catherine Mitchell, and his brother CE Hawthorne.

Darrell was a proud graduate of Glen Rose High School, where he played basketball. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for five years and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for his service.

In 1960, Darrell married his high school sweetheart, Gaylia Clift Hawthorne. Together they built a loving family that included their son Mike (Leigh Anne) of Searcy; grandson Andrew (Maegan); and great-grandson John Michael of Byhalia, Mississippi.

An avid hunter, Darrell found great joy in spending time at "The Deer Camp," where he shared stories and created lasting memories with his B&R deer camp friends and family. He was also a devoted member of Park Avenue Baptist Church in Searcy and remained active in his Sunday school class.

Darrell is survived by his beloved wife Gay; son Mike (Leigh Anne); grandson Andrew (Maegan); and great-grandson John Michael Hawthorne. He is also

lovingly remembered by his brother Stephen (Bonnie) Hawthorne of Glen Rose, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as dear friends Charlie and Judy Keen and many other cherished family members and friends.

A celebration of Darrell's life will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m. Burial will take place at White County Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Park Avenue Baptist Church in Searcy or the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at The Crossing at Riverside and the nurses with Gentiva Hospice for their exceptional care.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

FEB 12 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of William Darrell Hawthorne



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 12, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Darrell Hawthorne



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 11, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Kevin And Connie Miller lit a candle in memory of William Darrell Hawthorne



Kevin and Connie Miller - February 11, 2025 at 07:00 PM

FG

“ From your friends at Cyber Graphics purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Darrell Hawthorne.



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**From your friends at Cyber Graphics** - February 11, 2025 at 04:23 PM

IG

“ My sincere condolences to all of the family.  
Irene Gray

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**Irene Gray** - February 11, 2025 at 11:40 AM

ND

“ I am so sorry to hear this. He was such a a kind man. My prayers to the family.

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**Nancy Dillard** - February 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM

MD

“ Mary Deere lit a candle in memory of William Darrell Hawthorne



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**mary Deere** - February 10, 2025 at 09:59 PM

DM

“ I had the privilege of working for Darrell in the late 1980's at Entergy. He was always so kind and treated employees fairly. He was one of the good guys. I know he will be greatly missed by Gay and the family.

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**Dianna Meeks** - February 10, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MM

“ Prayers for this family.

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**Mary Mergenschroer** - February 10, 2025 at 04:18 PM

LS

“ My Uncle Darrell was one of the kindest people I've ever known. You always knew he loved you. The world will be a little less bright without him.

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**Lisa Speer** - February 10, 2025 at 11:05 AM