



## Mr. Claude Snell Jr.

May 31, 1940 - July 8, 2020

Mr. Claude Snell Jr. 80 of Escatawpa, MS passed away on July 8, 2020 in Pascagoula, MS. Mr. Snell was born on May 31, 1940 Duckhill, MS. He has lived in Jackson County for most of his life. He enjoyed fishing and visiting with his friends. He was a retired planner for Ingalls Shipbuilding, and he served his nation with pride and dedication in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Willie Christine Snell Sr. and his sister Flo Ann Pickard.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Gloria Snell of Escatawpa, his daughter Melissa Esguerra of Camby, IN., his son Lance Snell of Escatawpa, his granddaughter Gloria Esguerra of Camby, IN., his special niece Donna Adams of Laurel, MS., and special nephew David (Ellen) Taylor also of Laurel, a special friend Danon Shelton of Pascagoula, MS., and other nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A graveside service will be at 10:00 am Wednesday July 15, 2020 at Machpelah cemetery in Pascagoula.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic mask and social distancing will be required at the graveside service.

You may sign the online register and send condolences to the Snell family at [www.holderwellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.holderwellsfuneralhome.com)

Holder-Wells Funeral home 4007 Main Street Moss Point, MS 39563 is in charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, had many great times coaching softball with him. He was a good man. Prayers , Danny Murphy

**danny murphy** - July 15 at 02:20 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this, prayers from our family to yours.

Brenda Crane Carpenter

**Brenda Carpenter** - July 15 at 10:54 AM

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“ C. J. was my friend, co-worker, and mentor. I first met him in 1973 as a Production Control Supervisor on the 2nd shift. Working with him was both a pleasure and a frustration at the same time. His knowledge of the ship systems and equipment was amazing but he had no filing system. Whatever paperwork he needed he could find in the piles on his desk! I was always surprised by him walking to those piles and knowing which one to dig in and how deep so as to find just what he needed. His craft support was spot on. He kept some strategic items squirreled away in various places in his work area for their use. He was always dressed the same, faded blue coveralls, tennis shoes, and the unruly hair. He usually had a cup of coffee and, until they was banned in the office, a cigarette. When there was a slow moment and Damon Shelton was near these two would share stories both of the shipyard and their personal lives. These are the times that I cherish and will remember the most. I miss you, my friend!

**Tommy Williams** - July 14 at 09:25 PM

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“ Clause will be missed by many of his fellow shipyard retirees. He was always at the retiree breakfast. He was mentor to a lot of us. Always willing to help any and all. And there wasn't much that he couldn't find if it was needed. He always had his "stash" somewhere close by. He was certainly a pleasure to work with and work around. Rest In Peace my friend. I'll see you again one day.  
Nell Bozard.

**Nell Bozard** - July 14 at 07:58 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family. We have a lot of respect and cared greatly for Mr. Snell.

**Joe and Laura Rice** - July 14 at 03:17 PM

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“ Gloria, I'm so sorry to learn of Claude's passing. We have not seen him in quite a while but did not know he was ill. Praying for peace for the family.

**Roy and Sharon Glenn** - July 12 at 10:08 PM



“ Gloria— I am so sorry to hear about Claude's passing. I have known him since we went to Church with the Snell family in the 50's at Riverside.  
Praying for the family.

**Blanch** - July 13 at 04:46 PM



“ So sad to hear cousin Claude Jr. passed away. I remember the times he spent with us when he was very young. My dad like to eat during the night. Jr. told he him, Uncle Shorty if you get up tonight hunting food, wake me up too! He was such a joy to be with and in later years of his life, such a blessing to the aunts and uncles on the coast. You will be missed by all of us. Our prayers and love to Gloria,Lance,Melissa and Gloria. May the Peace of Our God comfort each of you.

**John and Paula Shotts Prine** - July 13 at 06:13 PM



“ Sorry to of Claude's passing. We grew up going to school and was pretty good friends back in those days. We lost touch when I left the shipyard. He was always good to all that knew him. May He Rest In Peace With Our Lord.

**David M Lee** - July 15 at 08:38 AM