

Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock

September 29, 1934 - February 12, 2026

Mr. Lawrence Earvin Heathcock, age 91, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, February 12, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. A lifelong resident of Perdido, Alabama, he devoted his life to his faith, his family, and his community, leaving behind a legacy of service, integrity, and unwavering love.

Mr. Heathcock was a man of deep faith and commitment. He found great joy in preaching and sharing the Word of God while faithfully serving as a worship leader at church for many years. Worship was not simply something he attended—it was the foundation of his life. Through his preaching, singing, and fellowship, he encouraged and uplifted countless individuals.

A skilled craftsman, Mr. Heathcock had a lifelong passion for welding and building. He proudly served as a welding instructor at Jefferson Davis Community College, where he mentored and trained many students who went on to build successful careers of their own. He approached his work with excellence and patience, taking pride not only in the craft itself but in investing in the lives of those he taught.

He enjoyed staying active and productive, whether working on projects, tending to his garden, or traveling with his beloved wife. He especially cherished family gatherings and trips, creating memories that will be treasured

for generations. Above all, family was the center of his life. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose love and guidance shaped the lives of many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Chesley Heathcock and Lavada Levins Heathcock Fretwell; his brothers, Leonard Heathcock, Curtis Heathcock, and Harold Fretwell; his sisters, Lois Marie Spence and Mary Viola Heathcock Hicks; as well as ten step-siblings.

He is survived by his wife of seventy-two years, Margie Barry Heathcock of Perdido, Alabama; daughters, Brenda Heathcock Mustin of Perdido, Alabama, and Shelia Heathcock McDowell (Darrell) of Perdido, Alabama; sister, Helen Stewart of Perdido, Alabama; three grandchildren, Rachel Hadley, Matthew Hayles, and Marisa Simpson; two step-grandchildren, Dara McDowell Plant and Amber Bartley; five great-grandchildren, Alexis Hayles, Miya Hayles, Emma-Claire Simpson, Triston Hadley, and Easton Hadley; and four step-great-grandchildren, Savannah Bartley, Karson Plant, Lilly Bartley, and Mason Plant.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Fretwell Tabernacle Holiness Church with Reverend Alton Lister and Sister Helen Stewart officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Petty Funeral Homes, LLC. Burial will follow at Perdido Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John Spence, Jesse Seale, Scott Lowe, Robbie Hayles, Mickey Mustin, John Barry, Mike Barry, and David Barry. Honorary pallbearers will be Bo Hicks, Charles Bray, Ed Barry, Bill Barry, Danny Ray Taylor, Frank Boatwright, and David Gibbs.

Mr. Heathcock will be remembered as a faithful servant of God, a dedicated

educator, a hardworking craftsman, and a loving patriarch. His life was marked by humility, strength, and steadfast devotion to those he loved. Though he will be deeply missed, his legacy of faith, hard work, and family devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Perdido Baptist Cemetery

Perdido, AL 36562

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Petty Funeral Homes LLC
9260 US-31
Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-4540
eastsidechapel@hotmail.com
<http://www.pettyfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fretwell Tabernacle Church
56220 Splinter Hill Rd
Perdido, AL 36562

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Ricky, Dana & Aspen Gerald purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.



Ricky, Dana & Aspen Gerald - February 17 at 11:30 AM

LB

“ Love Bobbie Gail & Justin Baker purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.



Love Bobbie Gail & Justin Baker - February 15 at 05:25 PM

LB

“ Love Bobbie Gail & Justin Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.

Love Bobbie Gail & Justin Baker - February 15 at 05:25 PM

RB

“ Ronda Beard purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.



Ronda Beard - February 15 at 12:04 PM

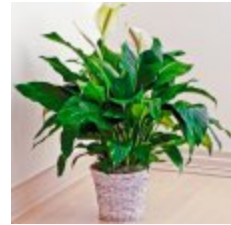
GC

“ *Mr. Heathcock was an inspiration on me .him and Mrs. Heathcock was always good to me when I rented from them . Good Godly man . He will be missed by many my condolences to the family. Sincerely Gina Caraway*

Gina Caraway - February 15 at 11:21 AM

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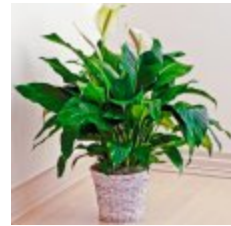
“ *Belinda Griffith and the Lambert family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.*



Belinda Griffith and the Lambert family - February 14 at 04:50 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.*



February 14 at 12:49 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr Lawrence Earvin Heathcock.*

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