



Dr. Sidney Thomas McDaniel

October 15, 1940 - November 12, 2017

Dr. Sidney Thomas McDaniel, age 77, of Starkville, Mississippi, died Sunday at his home in Starkville.

Dr. McDaniel was born October 15, 1940, in Memphis, and was the son of John Thomas McDaniel and Grace Marie Hurst McDaniel. He attended Forrest City High School and graduated in 1958. He was a Professor at Mississippi State University, where he had received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. He received his doctorate degree from Florida State University. He belonged to the Institute for Botanical Exploration and had spent time in the Amazon River Valley and rain forest gathering plants for medical research. His collection for plant identification is in the Botanical Institute in St. Louis, and he identified plants for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. His plant collection from all over the world was over a million. He was a member of the Episcopal Restoration Church in Starkville.

Dr. McDaniel is survived by one brother, John Louis McDaniel, and wife, Constance, of Forrest City, one nephew, John Brian McDaniel of Forrest City, and two nieces; Elizabeth Hoskyn of Stuttgart and Rebecca M. Green of Fort Worth, Texas. He had one sister, Mary Jane McDaniel who preceded him in death.

Services for Dr. McDaniel will be held Graveside, 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, at

the McDaniel Cemetery, 360 SFC 732, Forrest City, Ar. 72335. All friends are welcome to attend. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the on line registry.

Cemetery Details

McDaniel Cemetery

360 SFC 732
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Sidney's passing. We went to school all 12 years together. Sidney was by far, the smartest kid in school. He was destined to do great things. My condolences to his survivors.

Fredi Lewis - November 15, 2017 at 11:04 AM

Rocky
McDaniel

“ When I was still a kid, Sidney and Johnny played with me at my grandfather's house on Iazard St. He was never around later on after I grew up and I am sorry I didn't get to know him well.
Rocky McDaniel

Rocky McDaniel - November 15, 2017 at 09:44 AM

BS

“ Bill Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sidney Thomas McDaniel



Bill Snyder - November 15, 2017 at 09:07 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about the death of Sidney. I was a lifelong friend and graduated with Sidney from Forrest City High School in 1958. Sidney was always one of the smartest if not the smartest student in our class. I have fond memories of spending the night at the McDaniel home. He had a wonderful career at Miss. State. I will have the family on my prayer list in the morning at my prayer breakfast at Conway First United Methodist and will be keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Cliff Garrison
FCHS '58

Cliff Garrison - November 14, 2017 at 02:28 PM

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“ Sidney McDaniel meant so much to my husband, Walter. He was his major professor at Mississippi State and he has held him in regard in the many years since he graduated. He was an amazing botanist. It is our hope that his family will find peace and comfort in the days to come as you recall fond memories.

Nan Holmes - November 14, 2017 at 12:06 PM