

Pelahatchie town group holds community memorial procession



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Members of L.T. Macklin's family are shown at the Memorial Procession held in Pelahatchie on June 7.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Patsy Watson had a vision that God told her to find a way to honor those who passed away during the Pandemic. On Saturday, June 7, at 3 p.m., a group of around 50 family, friends, and media joined Police Chief Joseph Daughtry and Rev. Ricky Georgetown from Little Zion UMC in a ceremony to honor the 40 people that died between February and June 2020, including George Floyd, whose death caused nationwide sympathy and riots; Rep. Tom Miles' mother, Sheena; and others of all races with ties to Pelahatchie who passed away in this time period.

These names include Roy M. Allen, Sr., Lawrence George Ashley, Hanse C. Bennett, Jessie Ray Bilbro, Lorene Bilbro, George Floyd, Verlee Freeman, Randell Gilmore, Wesley Hicks, Annie Ruth (Red) Hoard-Johnson, Bobbie Jean Hoard, Patsy Holifield, Freddy Bobby Jolley, Harold Jonier, John Marvin King, Jr., Lorraine Lantrip, Harvie Lee Lofton, Leroy Macklin, Louis Cleveland Macklin, James (Pete) McAllister, Sheena Miles, David Moore, Roger Glen Moore, Daron (Sly) Morris, George Henry Newell, Baby Casey Ousley, Justin Perkins, Dewayne Archie Richey, Edan Ruth Spann, Jackie Thompson, Minnie L. Walker, Morzell Walker, Jane Williams, and Juanita Williams.

Following an opening of songs "Jesus is Love" by Lionel Richie and "You Know My Name" by Tasha Cobb Leonard, a group of 15 cars formed a procession through the streets of Pelahatchie.

Neighbors were on their porches or on the street to wave to family members. They laid wreaths at the corner of College and Kirby streets, where there are also 40 solar lights in remembrance of

**COMMUNITY MEMORIAL
PROCESSIONAL CONVOY**

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 @ 3:00 PM
PELAHATCHIE, MS

IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Freddy Bobby Jolley	Mr. Roy M. Allen, Sr.
Mr. Louis Cleveland Macklin	Mr. John Marvin King, Jr.
Mr. Hanse C. Bennett	Mr. James (Pete) McAllister
Rev. Lonnie Wilson	Mrs. Bobbie Jean Hoard
Mrs. Harvie Lee Lofton	Annie Ruth (Red) Hoard-Johnson
Mr. George Henry Newell	Ms. Edan Ruth Spann
Mr. Leroy Macklin	Ms. Patsy Holifield
Mr. Wesley Hicks	Mrs. Sheena Miles
Ms. Lorene Bilbro	Mr. Jessie Ray Bilbro
Jackie Thompson	Lawrence George Ashley
Verlee Freeman	Harold Jonier
Lorraine Lantrip	Justin Perkins
Roger Glen Moore	Randell Gilmore
Daron (Sly) Morris	Dewayne Archie Richey
David Moore	Baby Casey Ousley
Mr. Morzell Walker	Mrs. Minnie L. Walker
Mrs. Juanita Williams	Jane Williams

George Floyd

Community Memorial Processional Convoy
"Jackson Avenue, College Street, North Avenue, Regan Street,
Kirby Avenue, Dillard Avenue, Clayton Street"

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This is the list of Pelahatchie-related people who passed away between February and June 2020. The Town honored these people and their families at a Memorial Procession that drove on every street in town on June 7. There is an ongoing memorial at the corner of College and Kirby streets that features this sign, a wreath and solar lights.

those who have passed that have their names on the poster displayed there.

Not only did WLBT 3 in Jackson respond, but businesses in town donated funds to purchase the wreath, sign and lights. The financial sponsors included Rhodes & Robby Drugs, Jeffrey Watson, Ivon Prewitt, Jearleen Holly, Patricia Givens, and Jimmy Holifield, II. Jackie Watson Loggins designed the sign.

Additional donations are being accepted, as the sign and other materials will have to be updated as more pass away. Contact Patsy Watson at 769-274-2857.

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Miss. furls state flag with Confederate emblem

living under this flag," said Sen. David Jordan, D-Greenwood. "We watered this land with our tears and made it rich with our bones, so it's only fair that we have a symbol that represents us and (does) not remind us of what has happened to us."

The debate over the state flag captured the close attention of Mississippians for weeks. By the final vote in the Senate on Sunday, the news reverberated across the state. Many prominent Mississippians expressed their appreciation.

"Removal of the Confederate battle flag from our state flag is long overdue," former Gov. William Winter said in a statement. "I congratulate the Mississippi Legislature on their decisive action today removing this divisive symbol. Along with many committed Mississippians, I have fought for decades to change the flag, most notably during the flag referendum 20 years ago."

"I'm delighted by this positive move," Winter continued. "I'm especially grateful at age 97 to witness this step forward by the state I love."

Now attention will turn to the next steps in the process of developing a new state flag. The new design "will not include the Confederate battle flag but shall include the words 'In God We

Trust'," the bill passed on Sunday reads. Should voters reject that design in November, the commission would present a new option during the 2021 legislative session, according to the resolution.

Gov. Tate Reeves, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann and Speaker Philip Gunn will appoint three people each to the commission. The governor's three appointees must be representatives from the Mississippi Economic Council, the Mississippi Arts Commission, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Hosemann and Gunn face no specific commission appointment requirements.

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History will have up to 15 days after Reeves signs the bill into law to officially retire the current state flag.

"All eyes are on Mississippi, and today, we have made an historic decision," said Sen. Angela Turner Ford, chairwoman of the Legislative Black Caucus. "...Today we mark a transition for Mississippi, a day where we can be proud to move forward to adopt a symbol that is inclusive, a symbol that all of us can rally behind ... We've made a decision to move forward, and I hope Mississippians are proud of that decision."



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