



DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES POLICY

As a public service, *The Pine Belt News* publishes death notices free of charge, but the newspaper does charge a fee for expanded obituaries. Death notices and expanded obituaries are published both in print and also on hubcityspokes.com.

Death notices include name and age, area of residence and death date, burial location and the name and location of the funeral home.

Below is an example of a death notice:

John Doe, 90, of Hattiesburg died Sept. 10, 2020. Burial is in Highland Cemetery in Hattiesburg, and Acme Funeral Home in Hattiesburg is handling arrangements.

Expanded obituaries are available for a charge of \$100.00 for 300 or fewer words. Each additional word after 300 words will be charged at \$0.30 each. For example, an obituary with 350 words is \$105.00. Photographs may be added to an obituary for an additional \$25.00 fee.

Below is an example of a \$100.00 obituary (298 words):

John Doe, 90, of Hattiesburg died Sept. 10, 2020. He was born to Johnny and Jane Doe on Aug. 10, 1930, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Doe was a retired carpenter who worked for Nova Corporation for 40 years. He was also a veteran of the United States Army and a member of Clear Branch Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. Survivors include his wife, Johnette; his children, Johnny Jr. (Katie) of Purvis and Jane Lynn Bowman (Bob) of Petal; his grandchildren, John Doe III, Jane Ann Doe, Morris Bowman and Bart Bowman; his sister, June Doe; and three nieces and nephews. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020, at Acme Funeral Home in Hattiesburg. Services are 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at the funeral home. Burial is in Highland Cemetery in Hattiesburg.

Obituaries are only accepted from funeral homes, and any charges associated with an obituary must be paid in full prior to publication unless the funeral home has an account established with Hattiesburg Publishing, Inc., parent company of *The Pine Belt News*.

The Pine Belt News is the most-read newspaper in the Hattiesburg area, and the newspaper is published on Thursdays and sent to subscribers through the United States Postal Service. The newspaper was founded in 2018 with the merger of *The Hattiesburg Post*, *The Lamar Times* and *The Petal News*. Hattiesburg Publishing, Inc., also publishes the monthly *Signature Magazine* as well as *Here's Hattiesburg* and *The Petal Guide*.

The deadline for Thursday publication of a death notice or obituary is noon on Monday. Funeral homes will receive a proof copy of the expanded obituary prior to publication, and all approvals must be received no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Obituaries must be emailed to news@hubcityspokes.com. If you have questions, please contact Joshua Wilson, editor, at 601.268.2331.