

School attendance = student success



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Attendance is an important factor in student achievement. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. The effects of lost school days build up one absence at a time.

One of the most important things your child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day, on time. Students are required to be present for at least 63% of the school day, so coming late or leaving early also results in missed instructional time. By attending class regularly, children are more likely to keep up with daily lessons and assignments and take assessments on time. Research has shown that regular attendance may be the greatest factor influencing students' academic success.

The facts below were reported by Attendance Works, a leading national organization providing tools and resources for schools to reduce chronic absenteeism.

1. Absenteeism in the first month of

school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

2. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

3. By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

4. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school (about 18 days) negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

5. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

The average daily attendance rate for August at Pelahatchie Elementary is the highest it's been since the 2017-2018 school year. This is a direct result of families valuing the importance of being at school each day on time. We appreciate the support and ask that you continue to make school attendance a priority to ensure success for all students. Attendance matters at Pelahatchie Elementary! Go Chiefs!

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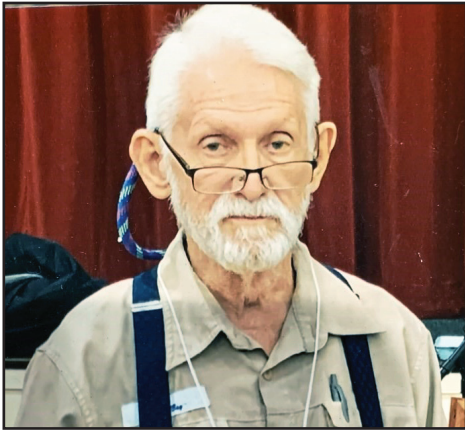
Ralph Lynn Ludke

July 14, 1937-October 22, 2021

Ralph Lynn Ludke, age 84, a resident of Pelahatchie, MS passed away Friday, October 22, 2021, in Pelahatchie, MS. A celebration of life service will be held 11 a.m., November 13, 2021, in the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church Jackson.

Mr. Ludke was born July 14, 1937, in Vicksburg, MS to Alexander Adolph Ludke and Mary Opal Caldwell Ludke. He was married to Martha Jones Ludke. Mr. Ludke was an Electrical Engineer and worked many years before retiring. He received his Bachelor of Science from Mississippi College. He enjoyed wood working and carving, reading about history, and being on the chicken farm. He loved singing in the Reflections Choir at First Baptist Church in Jackson where he and Martha are members. Traveling was a great pass time to him as he traveled a great deal with New Directions at St. Dominic. He loved his family very much and spending time with them brought great joy to his life. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Mr. Ludke was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander Adolph Ludke



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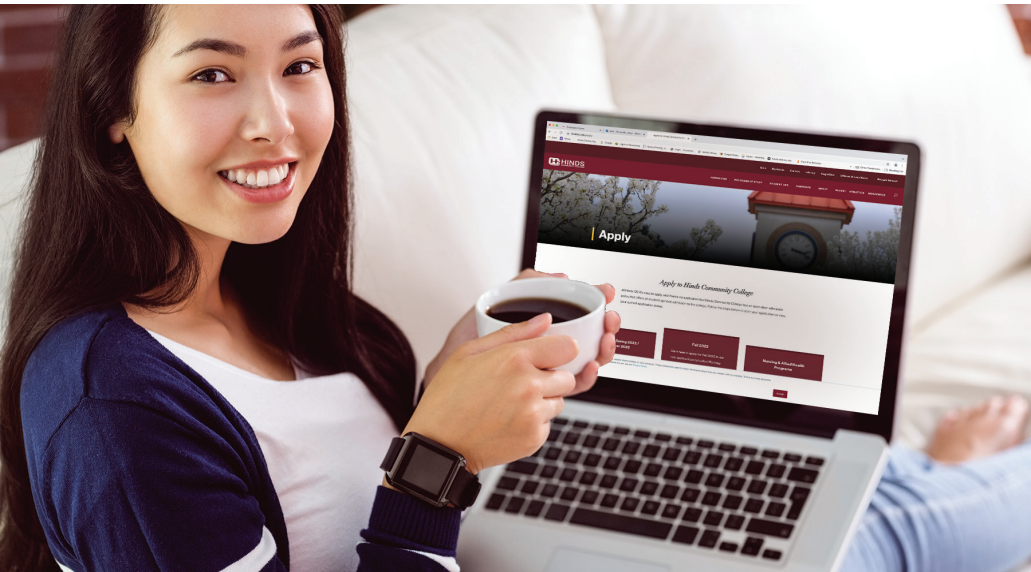
and Mary Opal Caldwell Ludke.

Mr. Ludke is survived by his wife, Martha Jones Ludke; children, Mark (Cathey) Ludke, Matthew Ludke, Rebecca Carraway, James Musgrove, and Pamela (Rick) Kirby; brother, Larry (Patricia) Ludke; grandchildren, Hannah (Chris) Browers and Katie Mae Rials; niece, Erin; nephew, Ryan and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Jackson Missions "Go Fund" or the Reflections Choir.

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