

REMEMBERING HURRICANE CAMILLE

Mississippi

August 14 – August 22, 1969

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IMPACT

- Late in the evening on August 17 in 1969, Hurricane Camille made landfall along the Mississippi Gulf Coast near Waveland.
- Camille's winds at landfall were estimated as higher than 200 miles per hour.
- The actual maximum winds are unknown because all wind-recording instruments were destroyed in the Waveland area where it made landfall.
- The strongest winds east of the eye struck between Pass Christian and Long Beach, Mississippi. According to the NWS, the storm surge reached 24.6 feet near Pass Christian.
- 144 people died in Mississippi.
- The storm caused over \$1 billion in damages on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
- The sheer force of the wind and surge was so intense that it was reported to have driven debris and even pine needles with the force of bullets into trees and structures.



- The storm surge also lifted three massive freighters and deposited their battered hulks on the beach in Gulfport.
- The powerful storm surge pushed the tugboat, originally named "Ease Point," inland approximately 200 feet. The tugboat, now known as "S.S. Hurricane Camille," became a well-known landmark on Highway 90 in Gulfport, until Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Coast in 2005.



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