



## Mary Ann Gunter

August 24, 1943 - September 21, 2019

Mary Ann Gunter, 76, passed away peacefully on Saturday September 21st, 2019 at St. Vincent's Community Hospice in Jacksonville, FL., while lovingly surrounded by her immediate family. Mary Ann was born in Laurel, MS. on August 24th, 1943.

Mary Ann leaves behind her husband of 52 years Bob Gunter of Jacksonville, FL., son Stephen Gunter and wife Sheryl of Guyton, GA., daughter Susan Parisi of Jacksonville, FL., and three grandchildren Katie Parisi, Kyle Parisi, Cody Gunter; sister Pam Ishee and husband Mike of Laurel, MS, sister Debbie Ten Eyck of Laurel, MS; nieces; Toni, Stephanie, Bridgett, Natalie and nephews; Jon, Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her parents Samuel J. Garbo and Frances O. Garbo of Laurel, MS., son in law Phil Parisi of Jacksonville, FL., Stevie Ten Eyck of Laurel, MS, and beloved pet "Picco".

Mary Ann grew up in Laurel, MS. where she was an active member of the community, attending Immaculate Conception Church with her family, helping her parents and grandparents in the family grocery store, being crowned Home Coming Queen of George S Gardiner High school, and attending Jones County Community College where she participated in student government activities. Mary Ann enjoyed cooking, crafts, gardening, and many outdoor activities over the years. Her favorite memories were of annual summer vacations spent in Laurel with her children, parents and sister's families. Throughout the years Mary Ann was the glue that held the Gunter family together through several job-related family relocations, from Mississippi to Connecticut, Virginia to Miami, and finally Jacksonville FL, Mary Ann always created and maintained a nurturing household with a "There's no place like home!" environment for her husband, children and grandchildren. There are far too many roles to mention that Mary Ann filled with pride and passion as a daughter, sister, wife, mom and grandmother but a few were sports team mom, home room mom, cub scouts, brownies ...the list goes on and on, she was loved and respected by all she lovingly served and helped.

Mary Ann was a sweet soul who possessed so much southern charm and grace, she had beautiful green eyes and a smile that could light up any room, so kind, so generous and always so thoughtful. You are in our hearts always never to be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations on behalf of Mary Ann Gunter may be made to

Community Hospice and Palliative Care 4266 Sunbeam Rd Jacksonville, FL 32257 or give online at [support.communityhospice.com](http://support.communityhospice.com)

Memorial services for Mary Ann Gunter will be Monday October 14th 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 833 W 6th St Laurel, MS 39440. Visitation at 11:30 AM, Mass at 12 Noon, gravesite service to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery

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## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Laurel, MS,

# Events

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**OCT 14**   **Visitation**   11:30AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
833 W Sixth Street, Laurel, MS, US, 39440

**OCT 14**   **Service**   12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Mary Ann was truly beautiful, smart and kind. When she was voted our Home Coming Queen, I borrowed a flat bed trailer from the city and a tractor. We decorated the float at the Fair Grounds and got police escort to move the float near the parade site. I asked Howard "Cowboy" Hamilton to drive the tractor. Mary Ann got on the throne we had prepared for her and as Cowboy started towards the parade site. Cowboy was smiling the whole way but also wasn't watching where he was going because he had his eyes on beautiful Mary Ann. Cowboy hit a utility pole cracking it, broke the leading edge of the trailer but Mary Ann didn't get a scratch! The trailer was structurally sound enough to complete the parade to celebrate our "Queen". I explained to the City and to Mississippi Power Co. that it wasn't Cowboy's fault, it was just Mary Ann's good looks. We didn't have to pay!!

Robert Wright  
Classmate 1961

Robert Wright - October 15 at 04:24 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Gunter.



October 11 at 03:23 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Gunter.



October 09 at 03:54 PM

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**Memory Chapel Funeral Home** - October 07 at 10:35 AM