



## Angiela "Angie" Elizabeth Byrd

January 29, 1937 - March 24, 2022

Angie Byrd (85) passed on into the arms of Heaven on the morning of March 24, 2022. She waited for her husband of 66 years to see her and kiss her one last time before allowing herself to leave this earth. She passed in Laurel, MS, but she lived in Jones County. She was born near Sandersville, MS on January 29th of 1937 to Claudia (Deceased) and Ed L. Gatlin (Deceased).

She was the third of eight children and grew up in rural Sandersville during the end of the Great Depression and beginning of the second World War. She went on to Sandersville High School and then forward into college at the University of Southern Mississippi.

During which time she met and eventually married Wayne Byrd in November of 1954. All her life she loved meeting people and got along with nearly everyone she met. This congeniality allowed her to succeed in the insurance industry while working for the Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Company. After leaving insurance, she began her famous career at Angie's Western Wear. Here is where she founded her business out of the back of a blue Cougar in 1984.

She loved the store so much that she had only stopped in 2021. Angie's Western Wear is what kept her going after the death of her son, Shane Byrd. The love of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and watching

them grow was her joy.

Angie's family was large from the beginning. She had 7 siblings most of whom are/were married with children and grandchildren of their own. They are Eddie "Dick" (Oldest) and Carolyn Gatlin, Clayton (Deceased) and Elsie (Deceased) Gatlin, Janet and James (Deceased) Smith, Douglas (Deceased) and Glenda (Deceased), Donald and Shirley Gatlin, Keith and Janette Gatlin, and Ricky Gatlin (Youngest).

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Byrd (86); daughter, Candace Dawn Byrd Muraca(45); grandchildren, Jeffrey Byrd (34), Shana Byrd (32) and spouse Michael Gregg (34), Desereigh "Angel" Baker (27) and spouse James Baker (31), Jayston Jones (13); and, great-grandchildren, Jeffrey "Bryce" Byrd (15), Harley Byrd (13), Kayleigh Gregg (11), Alice Baker (6), Benjamin Baker (4), and Malcom McDonald (3).

She was preceded in death by her son, Shannon Wayne Byrd (March 2015), and great-granddaughter, Madison Smith (October 2021).

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at Memory Chapel. Burial will occur at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, 10 Bill Windham Rd in Heidelberg, MS 39439.

To order flowers call Doris Tanner's Florist or if so inclined, donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

To view and sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery

10 Bill Windham Rd.  
Heidelberg, MS 39439

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Sweet beautiful Angie will be missed by all who knew her. I know my mama Jane Flowers Autlman was waiting for her to get a big hug! They were not just cousins but good friends. Many days of my childhood was spent wiith Angie and my mama, Shane too, laughing and talking. The most fun was going to the Sandersville gym and watching them play basketball. Angie was a sweet smile to all. Lots of Love to all the family.  
Andria Aultman Wade

Andria WAde - March 28, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ We are so heartbroken to hear of Angie’s passing. She was a sweet precious lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Love and prayers for her family. We know they will miss her so very much.  
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Sherman and Wanda Harrison



Wanda Harrison - March 27, 2022 at 02:12 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.

Amy and Phil Williams - March 26, 2022 at 12:10 PM

DB

“ *My Nannie was the best person on earth. My whole little family is going to miss her so very much! I hope she is in heaven and she is happy.* ❤️



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**Desereigh Baker** - March 25, 2022 at 07:15 PM