



## Ann Marie Moffett Rose

May 11, 1934 - April 26, 2026

Ann Marie Moffett Rose, an eternal optimist with a generous heart and a wonderful sense of humor, passed on April 26, 2026, surrounded by love.

Born on May 11, 1934, in Laurel, Mississippi, Ann entered the world at home, delivered by a doctor who stayed overnight and charged \$50 for his services-- a story she loved to tell and one that reflected the era she came from. Sweet as honey and tough as nails, Ann lived her life always looking for the good in every situation.

Ann had a vivid imagination and a deep appreciation for creativity, inspired by her lifelong love of fairies and mermaids. She encouraged imagination in her children and grandchildren and believed deeply in seeing wonder in the world. She was known for her warmth, resilience, and humor, and for her willingness to personally step in to help others. Ann often became involved in the lives of family members, neighbors, and even people she barely knew who were struggling with addiction recovery, economic hardship, medical challenges, or who were simply at the end of their rope. She gave her time, energy, and heart freely, believing no one should face hardship alone.

She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and assisted in the family real estate business, but her primary focus was raising her family. Ann was a devoted and supportive wife to her husband,

Harold, a deacon at Parkview Baptist Church. She was actively involved in church life, often teaching children in the small upstairs rooms of the church and helping with Vacation Bible School.

Ann was an exceptional homemaker and was especially known for her pies. She and her mother lovingly sewed clothes for her daughters, including pageant dresses for her daughter Susan. She raised her children on a 160-acre farm where they were free to explore, hunt, and fish. There were always babies around (goats, pigs, chickens) and when asked about her favorite memories, Ann's answer was "Ponies!"

Civically engaged and energetic, Ann was a prominent member of the Jones County Republican Women, where she served as past president, vice president, secretary, and as a member of the executive committee. She loved energizing campaigns and attending political events, and she devoted countless hours to working the phones and doing the groundwork that helps campaigns succeed. After a successful battle with cancer at age 68, Ann continued her commitment to public service and was later elected Election Supervisor for Jones County, serving her term with dedication.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her daughter, Susan; and her parents, David Byrd Moffett and Adrine Moffett.

She is survived by her son, Tom (Tommy) Rose; her daughter, Melinda Kolker; her brother, Dr. David Moffett; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ann lived a full and meaningful life rooted in family, faith, service, imagination, and joy. She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi,

from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Crestview Cemetery in Laurel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a Mission of Hope in Laurel, Mississippi.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Crestview Cemetery

Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Graveside Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crestview Cemetery  
Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann, you always showed me kindness and love. You always offered a smile and something good to eat. Your memory is a blessing for everyone.*

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**Michael Blackstock** - May 07 at 01:57 PM

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“ *I'm Stella Hall & I loved my friend Ann Rose! Many hours were spent at her home & since we both loved dining out we did that a lot, especially on each other's birthday! I met Ann at Jones County Republican Women's Club where she was very active! She was such a sweet generous person with lots of care for others! Her sence of humor was infectious & we shared many laughs together! I babysat my grandchildren Elizabeth & John Michael & she loved them too & would read to them & teacher them! She always remembered their birthdays! She shared lots of occasions at my house & when she had family visiting we went there! We picked lots of blueberries & scuppernongs off her vines! I took nieces there for that too! After she moved to Nashville near Melinda I missed her so much! We talked on cellphones until we both lost our hearing! I regretted we couldn't communicate but Tom or Melinda would call me & translate our messages to each other! God has her safe with no more pain in Heaven! Rest in Peace my forever friend 🙏❤️🇺🇸*



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