



Ava Nell Graham

July 20, 1939 - August 22, 2025

Ava Nell Graham, born July 20, 1939, passed peacefully in her home on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 5-7 PM. Funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS at 10 AM with graveside service to follow at Matthews Cemetery. Bro. Dave Moran will officiate the services.

Ava Nell was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a life-long member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Laurel, MS and was passionate about her role in music and choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Rayford Graham, her infant daughter Cathy Graham, her son Micheal Graham, her parents James Robert and Vida Mauldin, and her sister-in-law Gloria Mauldin, brother-in-law Ruble Graham

Survivors include her son Jamie Graham (Donica), granddaughter, Taylor Russell (Zach), grandsons, Tyler Graham (Kaitlyn), and Payton Graham (Mallorie), great grandchildren, CJ Russell, Ava Graham, Tate Graham, Beckett Russell, and soon to arrive Weston Graham; brothers, Talmadge

Mauldin, and Joe Mauldin (Sylvia), sister-in-law Tina Graham, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces, and great- great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Tyler Graham, Payton Graham, Zach Russell, Taylor Corley, Lane Parker, and Stephen Gavin, Jr.

As a final act of love for her church and church family she requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Pleasant Home Baptist Church parking lot fund, 462 Matthews Road Laurel, MS 39443.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Matthews Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ During our years as members of Pleasant Home Church Ava Nell and Rayford were our friends, Church Mentors and made us feel like family. We both Cherish all of the good times, sad times and prayerful times we spent together. When health problems forced us to move back to Florida we hated leaving our good friends and our church.

Our prayers go out to Jamie and family and Pleasant Home Church. The church was her heart and her devotion was an example to all of us. We can only imagine the joy she has now to be with her Lord and her family. I can almost hear Rayford say , "What took you so long, we have been waiting for you." May God Bless Ava Nells' wonderful family and Pleasant Home Church. Ellis and Jan Johnson

Jan Johnson - August 25, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ Ms Ava Nell was a sweet lady and will be missed 🙏🙏🙏 for the family



Brian Jordan - August 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ava Nell Graham.



August 23, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ava Nell Graham.

August 23, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Our heart and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We pray God wraps his loving arms around you all to give you peace and comfort.
Love y'all,
Bruce & Genie Russell



Bruce and Genie Russell - August 22, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ The Fosters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ava Nell Graham.



The Fosters - August 22, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Ava was a first cousin that I really enjoyed getting to know later in our lives. We often conversed on Facebook. She became friends with my daughter, Leigh and always replied to each other's post. I regret we didn't see each other more often.

Bill Mauldin - August 22, 2025 at 05:13 PM

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“ Christina Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ava Nell Graham.

Christina Y. - August 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM

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“ Christina Y. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ava Nell Graham.



Christina Y. - August 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM

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“ Morris Patrick -Salyersville KY purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ava Nell Graham.



Morris Patrick -Salyersville KY - August 22, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ava Nell Graham.



August 22, 2025 at 03:18 PM