



## Barbara Holifield Easterling

July 10, 1948 - February 3, 2022

Barbara Holifield Easterling, 73, born July 10, 1948, a lifelong resident of Laurel, MS, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Graveside service and burial will be at Mill Creek Church of God at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2022. Rev. Trey Beck will officiate.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis Gordon Holifield, Sr. and Gracie Mae Thronson Holifield, grandparents, Lewis Kittrell Holifield and Iris Blackledge Holifield, Hans Ferdinand Thronson and Elizabeth Broome Thronson, and brother-in-law, Steve Lemuel Holifield, Sr.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Easterling, three sons Benji Easterling (Brandi) of Laurel, MS, Eric Easterling of The Woodlands, TX, and Blaine Hoffman (Kera) of Poplar Bluff, MO; a grandson, Bryce Easterling of Laurel, MS, a granddaughter, Lilah Hoffman of Poplar Bluff, MO, a brother Lewis Gordon Holifield, Jr. (Gemma) of Gulfport, MS, two sisters, Peggy Hodge (Jack) of Laurel, MS and Brenda Zugg Holifield of Helotes, TX.

She served as the Mississippi WMU president and as general WMU president for many years. Missions was her passion, and she touched many lives and traveled many miles promoting missionaries.

Pallbearers will be her three sons, Benji Easterling, Eric Easterling, and Blaine Hoffman, her grandson, Bryce Easterling, and her nephews, Steven Zugg, Jonathan Hodge, and Justin Hodge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mill Creek Church of God Missionary Fund, 2247 Mill Creek Road, Laurel, MS 39443.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mill Creek Church of God Cemetery

2247 Mill Creek Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Holifield Easterling.



February 11, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ Barbara was a huge part of my growing up years .... I have a childrens bible story book with a hand written message from her that I've treasured my entire adult life .... She would pick my sister and me up on Sundays for the evening worship service at lake congregational Methodist church. .... such a wonderful, beautiful soul..... til we meet again Barbara.....❤️❤️❤️

**cindy blue** - February 09, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ Barbara was the sweetest lady. Prayers for Jim, Benji and Eric 🙏

**Cindy Green** - February 07, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ Barbara was a sweet friend. She always worked hard, did not bring attention to herself, loved the Lord and served Him graciously with her whole being. What joy and awe she must have experienced as she met her Savior face to face. May God's love comfort the family. I am so sorry that I cannot be physically present to celebrate her home-going. You will be in my thoughts and prayers tomorrow and in the days ahead. Just keep trusting and moving toward the goal. Love and prayers, Patsy Gilmore

**Patsy Gilmore** - February 06, 2022 at 09:06 PM

JL

“ *Jim and family, So sorry for your loss of Barbara. Praying God’s comfort for all of you,  
Jackie and Sharon Lewis*

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**Jackie and Sharon Lewis** - February 06, 2022 at 04:04 PM

ER

“ *Barbara lived the life of a Christian women. She was admired by many. Praying and believing Our Heavenly Father will give her family peace of the heart and soul. She will be greatly missed. Will be praying for all.*

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**Edith Ross** - February 05, 2022 at 05:49 PM

AR

“ *Barbara was such a sweet person and was always friendly each time we met. Our prayers are with the family in the days ahead.*

*Angela & David Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - February 05, 2022 at 03:23 PM

BS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Barbara was such a kind lady and friend of all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Barbara Stroud*

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**Batbara Stroud** - February 05, 2022 at 12:01 PM

SC

“ Jim & Family, Our hearts are so very sad & sorry to have read of the passing of Barbara...she was a very special lady...with such a sweet & pleasant personality...she would always ask me about my mother & daddy when I saw her...always enjoyed seeing her...please know we love & care for all of you & pray that God will give his kind of peace & comfort to you & your loved ones.

*Lessie Clark*

*Shelton & Rhonda Cooley*

*Scott, Julie, & AnnClark*

*Ash & Aimee Cooley*

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**Shelton & Rhonda Cooley** - February 05, 2022 at 11:24 AM

MJ

“ We are praying for y'all today and the days to come so sorry for your loss.

*Love*

*Norma Jean Parker scruggs*

*Melvin Scruggs jr*

*Jason Scruggs*

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**Melvin Scruggs jr** - February 05, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ Carmen Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Holifield Easterling.



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**Carmen Smith** - February 04, 2022 at 09:44 PM

SA

“ Barbara was kind and considerate to all she met. She was always visiting the elderly like my mom in the nursing home. She would visit and bring cookies or a book to read and always sending cards to lift her spirits. She would send words of encouragement to me and my sister. It was always uplifting to open the mail and receive a note from her. I've known her for 60 years and she has always been the same sweet soul. We are extended family as she is the maternal aunt of my brother Robert's oldest children, Steven and Rochelle. I will miss her. Shirley Zugg Anderson

Shirley Zugg Anderson - February 04, 2022 at 08:09 PM

RR

“ Enjoyed knowing Barbara for many years. Praying for strength and comfort fir Jim and family.

Rhett and Alice Reid - February 04, 2022 at 08:09 PM

LB

“ What a very special lady. We feel blessed to have been able to call her our friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Jim and the family. Love, Bill and Lisa Burdette

Lisa Burdette - February 04, 2022 at 06:50 PM

CW

“ Congregational Methodist General WMU purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Holifield Easterling.



Congregational Methodist General WMU - February 04, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *She always made me feel welcome when I came to help her with her printer, and she was always quick to share her Christmas treats with us.*

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**Bobby Schumann** - February 04, 2022 at 03:49 PM

BB

“ *Praying for the family. She was a special lady and will definitely be missed by many!*

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**Becky Burdette** - February 04, 2022 at 03:26 PM

PB

“ *Barbara was a very special Christian lady and will be missed by all. I find comfort in knowing she is rejoicing with the Lord now. My heart felt sympathy to all the family at this sad time in their lives. May God comfort each of you. Love and prayers, Pat Byrd*

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**Pat Byrd** - February 04, 2022 at 02:53 PM

VH

“ *Such a precious, precious lady. My heart is broken for you all Mr. Jim. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Vanessa Hodge** - February 04, 2022 at 02:39 PM

KB

“ *Keith And Karen Blackledge lit a candle in memory of Barbara Holifield Easterling*



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**Keith and Karen Blackledge** - February 04, 2022 at 02:31 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Barbara passing away. She was a sweet lady. Always a smile on her face. Our love and prayers are with all of the family for God to give you the peace and comfort that only He can.

Bobby and Linda Boyles - February 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Holifield Easterling.



February 04, 2022 at 01:35 PM

BG

“ Love and prayers for the family...Barbara was a precious lady....loved her dearly...

Bonnie Gipson - February 04, 2022 at 01:31 PM

DW

Bless you, dear family of Barbara. She has been such a tower of blessing and a wonderful model of a godly woman and spiritual leader. These are difficult times but our awesome “God of all comfort” - the One who has been with us on the mountains of joy 🏰 - has promised to go with us ... even through the “valleys of the of the shadows of difficulties, challenges and sorrows ...” And this comes from personal experience, not book-learning. May our Lord Jesus bear you up as on eagle’s wings to give you strength, comfort, restoration and peace as you move deeper into His healing presence and empowering grace.

Sam & Sandie Bruce, former President of Wesley College. ☐ 🙏💛🙏

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Dr. Sam Bruce, Former President of Wesle - February 04, 2022 at 08:48 PM