



Betsy Denham Thaxton

September 8, 1946 - December 23, 2017

Betsy Denham Thaxton, 71, of Laurel, passed December 23, 2017, at University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of Laurel with burial in Lake Park Cemetery West. Reverend Randy Turner will officiate.

A native of Laurel, she graduated from R.H. Watkins High School and graduated from the University of Mississippi where she was affiliated with Chi Omega Sorority.

She was a school teacher with the Jones County School System, a homemaker and a third generation member of First Baptist Church of Laurel. She was also a member of the Northwood Garden Club, a life time member of the Laurel Junior Auxiliary, a life time member of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, and the Chi Omega Alumni Association.

She was preceded in her death by her mother, Mimi Markette Denham, her father, Homer T. Denham Jr. and her sister Melissa Downing.

She is survived by her husband, Tony Thaxton; three sons, Tony Thaxton, Jr.; (Jennifer) of Richmond, VA, John Thaxton (Kelli) of Laurel, MS and Joel

Thaxton of Ellisville, MS; two grandchildren, Brooke and Brandon Thaxton of Richmond, VA; brother-n-law, Lee Downing Sr.; nephew, Lee Downing, Jr.; niece, Amanda Downing Arender (Matt) and their children Millie and Kit.

Pall bearers will be Tony Thaxton, Jr., John Thaxton, Joel Thaxton, Brandon Thaxton, Lee Downing Jr., and Matt Arender.

The family requests memorials to First Baptist Church of Laurel or your favorite charity.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Laurel with Memory Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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607 West 5th Street
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Tribute Wall

BT

“ Dear Mr. Thaxton and Family,
You have been in our prayers. As you know, Mrs. Betsy Thaxton had a beautiful, sweet, and gentle spirit. She was truly a lovely lady, and we will miss seeing her smile.
The Tanious Family:
Armia, Bonnie, and Daniel

Bonnie Tanious - January 03, 2018 at 02:58 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of your mothers passing . We have all of you in our thoughts & prayers. May God give you comfort & peace. Ronnie & Patricia Hinton & family



ronnie hinton - December 29, 2017 at 09:59 AM

DW

“ Dear Tony, , my deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family.

Dianne Windham

Dianne Windham - December 28, 2017 at 01:11 PM

CR

“ With deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Darrin and Cindy Renz

Cindy Renz - December 28, 2017 at 10:45 AM

LN

“ I went to school in Laurel with Betsy. In fact, I sat behind her in chorus class. She was a beautiful and gracious person, always. So sorry for your loss.

Linda (Laypath) Nicholson, Sevierville, Tn.

Linda (Laypath) Nicholson - December 28, 2017 at 02:43 AM

CW

“ Betsy will always be remembered for her beauty, inside and out...May God hold you close as you mourn her loss. God Bless!

Cheryl Wheelis-Lott - December 27, 2017 at 07:16 PM

LP

“ Deepest Sympathy Extended to the Family of Betsy Thaxton. Praying for Your Comfort and Peace.

Sincerely,

Linda Patterson

Linda Patterson - December 27, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.



December 27, 2017 at 05:14 PM

JS

“ Dear Tony and family, we are so very sorry to hear about Betsy. Please know that you are all in our prayers each day.

Jamie and Jeanette Stricklin

Jeanette Stricklin - December 26, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.



December 26, 2017 at 02:29 PM

WF

“ *with love from your McGeorge Toyota Family* purchased the *Memories to Treasure* for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.



with love from your McGeorge Toyota Family - December 26, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.



December 26, 2017 at 10:24 AM

WA

“ *With Love Bob, Deb, Bobby and Andrew purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.*



With Love Bob, Deb, Bobby and Andrew - December 26, 2017
at 09:53 AM

FB

“ *Joel - We are sending prayers to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss.*
Freda G. Bright - UPS

Freda Bright - December 26, 2017 at 09:31 AM

EA

“ *Ed & Amy Adams purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Betsy Denham Thaxton.*



Ed & Amy Adams - December 26, 2017 at 09:31 AM

SB

“ *Tony and beloved family, I am praying you though these difficult days. No one had a sweeter spirit than Betsy. I was so blessed to be her friend for over 40 years*
Love and prayers for your family, Sharon Barham

Sharon Barham - December 25, 2017 at 07:38 PM