



Betty Joann Shoemake

September 19, 1962 - April 9, 2026

Joann Shoemake of Laurel passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her mom and family. She retired from Ellisville State School after serving them for more than 20 years.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Shoemake, her nieces Patricia, Ashlynn, and Aubree Morado, Kaylee and Huntleigh Waggoner, her nephews Alex and Stokley Morado, and Jahren Waggoner, her special aunt Sue Dick, her special cousin Sherry Smith, and her chosen family Terrey Collins.

She was preceded in death by her father Larry "Cotton" Shoemake, her sister Baby Shoemake, her grandparents B. Forrest and Carrie Boutwell, Frank and Dovie Shoemake.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi, on Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. with service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Bro. T. J. Porter will officiate. Burial will be at Antioch Cemetery at Myrick. Pallbearers will be Alex Morado, Jahren Waggoner Allison Thomas, Wesley Thomas, Kolby Smith, and Thomas Tucker.

To view or sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychappellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Antioch United Methodist Church Cemetery

845 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

JW

“ So sorry to hear about Joann. Prayers for the family. I used to work with Betty at S H Kress. Joann was a sweet little girl.

Jeanne Smith Windham - April 15 at 06:42 AM

JS

“ julie Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Betty Shoemake



julie Shoemake - April 11 at 01:10 PM

CW

“ Cara Wilkerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Shoemake



Cara Wilkerson - April 11 at 05:40 AM

CW

“ Joann and my sister Kellie would come get me when I was about 13 and they were gonna have the "talk"with me it was awkward.i truly loved her she was like family

Cara Wilkerson - April 11 at 05:38 AM

SN

“ *Sherry Smith & Family & Nathaniel purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Betty Joann Shoemake.*



Sherry Smith & Family & Nathaniel - April 10 at 04:18 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Donovan lit a candle in memory of Betty Shoemake*



Kathy Donovan - April 10 at 03:56 PM