



Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery

June 28, 1931 - March 17, 2022

Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery passed away Thursday, March 17, 2022 surrounded by family in her home in Laurel, Mississippi. The only child of C.H. and Georgia Walker, Jody was born in Altus, Oklahoma on June 28, 1931. Creative, intelligent and beautiful, Jody was an inspiration to her family and friends. Her life was characterized by strength of character, steadfastness, faith, and grace.

The graveside service will be held at Crestview Cemetery, Saturday, March 19th at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Mike Allen will officiate.

Jody was a graduate of George S. Gardiner High School and the University of Alabama, where she was featured as a Reveille yearbook beauty. In 1950, as a young adult she was chosen as Laurel's Miss Hospitality. She also performed as a member of the precision water ballet team at Lake Waukaway. Jody and her husband, Bill, raised four Mississippi State University graduate daughters. They were active in the Mississippi Republican Party on the national, state and local level in the 1970's. Jody was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and a life member of the Little Garden Club. Her creativity and intelligence led her to work in interior design, the frame business, as well as the oil business.

Her grandchildren called her "Mother Jo" and marveled at how she embraced

technology and could not be beaten at Scrabble online!

Jody was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Prowell Tillery, and her parents, (C.H) Harvey and Georgia Walker.

She is survived by her four daughters: Lisa Purdum and her husband Randy of Laurel; Jan Rhodes and her husband Scott of Midland, Texas; Lynn Hayes of Charlotte, NC; and, Susan Leslie and her husband Tim of Lubbock, Texas. She was blessed with nine grandchildren; Christopher (Lindsay) Purdum of Magee Mississippi; Jeremy (Mackenzie) Purdum of Jackson, Mississippi; Tyler Rhodes of New York City, New York; Laurel (Joel) Lapidus of Evergreen, Colorado; Tillery (Aaron) Ranft of Charlotte, North Carolina; Blair (Delton) Poole of Telluride, Colorado; Travis Hayes (Katie) of New York City, New York; Logan (Courtney) Leslie of Fort Worth, Texas; and Brent (Kyleigh) Leslie of Wolfforth, Texas. Her seven great grandchildren include Hudson Purdum, Walker and Jones Lapidus, Reese and Hayes Ranft, Sawyer Leslie, and Parker Leslie.

During her later years, Jody was cared for by attendants in her home, who provided love and support. The family greatly appreciates their devotion.

Grandsons and sons-in-law will honor Mother Jo as pallbearers.

If desired, memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Highway 15 North, Laurel, MS 39440, or a charity of choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Crestview Cemetery

Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jody was a dear friend growing up in . We later moved to Meridian and she came to see me in Meridian and we would go to lunch and catch up on everything going on.I was shocked to hear of her passing. She loved her girls and all the grandkids. She was a beautiful and caring person.

Bess Harris Box - July 28, 2022 at 09:28 PM

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“ Jodee Flynt lit a candle in memory of Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery



jodee flynt - April 23, 2022 at 04:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery.



March 18, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery.



March 18, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *I loved reconnecting with my Aunt Jody in the last few years through our online game playing! Although I probably only beat her once or twice out of hundreds of games, she never failed to encourage me or praise me for good moves against her. More importantly, she took interest in my family and our lives and made sure I knew that she loved me. It was an unexpected blessing that I had no idea I needed, but am so thankful I received. All of the EETs send their love and prayers.*

Leslie Smith - March 18, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly "Jody" Walker Tillery.*



March 17, 2022 at 08:35 PM