



Brenda Broadhead Ward

February 16, 1951 - June 21, 2022

Brenda Kay Broadhead Ward, 71, of the Myrick community passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2022, surrounded by family in her home ending her long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Laurel, MS, February 16, 1951, to A.J. and Lucille Broadhead. She attended Myrick, Northeast Jones High School, Jones College, and the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned Master's degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. She began her teaching career at Myrick Elementary School where she also coached basketball. In March of 1979, she married, and in August of 1980, she gave birth to her first child. She continued her teaching career in Jakarta, Indonesia, and later Aberdeen, Scotland, after moving there with her husband and child in 1981. She returned to the United States in 1986, and once again, resumed teaching and gave birth to her second child in September of that year. She taught at Sandersville Elementary for a year before being able to return to Myrick Elementary School; this time in her favorite teaching role, that of kindergarten teacher. She left the Jones County School System after the consolidation of the East Jones elementary schools and went to work at Ellisville State School. She worked on campus for several years and then became the director of their off-site MIID Industries campus in Laurel, where she worked until her retirement following her Alzheimer's diagnosis.

In her younger years, she became a member of First Baptist Church Myrick and remained an active member until she could no longer do so. She loved her church family dearly and served enthusiastically in many roles there.

Brenda will be remembered as someone who never wavered in her beliefs. She believed strongly in family, education and training, and, most importantly, the necessity of a relationship with Jesus Christ. She shared those beliefs daily through the lessons she taught, the conversations she had, and the example she lived.

She loved fun and never missed an opportunity to try something new.

She was preceded in death by her parents A.J. and Lucille Broadhead; Linda Drennan, her sister; Jimmy Broadhead, her brother; Joseph Ward Howard, a grandson.

She is survived by her husband Donnie Ward; her daughter D.D. Howard (Josh); her son Trevor Ward; grandsons Donnie Howard, Jethro Howard, Maverick Ward, Michael Ward-Calzada, and granddaughter Maddie Ward; sisters Sue Ross, Judy McIntosh, Gail Landrum (Darrell); nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great nephews; and long-time caregiver Kendra Mayer.

The family extends a special thanks to Enhabit staff for their expert care.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Saturday, June 25, 2022, 5:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service will be Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church Myrick with an additional time for visitation beginning at 1:00 PM. A graveside service will follow at Myrick Cemetery. Dr. Rory Dill and Bro. Jackie Spell will officiate.

Pallbearers will include Neil Drennan, Donnie Howard, Josh Howard, C.J.

Landrum, Michael Landrum, and Dee McIntosh. Honorary pallbearers will be Jethro Howard and Maverick Ward.

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

Cemetery Details

Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Myrick
1593 Mill Creek Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Brenda was an inspiration to all who knew her. Prayers are with her family. Especially Judy my friend I'll never forget. Bless you all.*
Linda Jordan Davis and family

Linda Jordan Davis - June 25, 2022 at 08:55 PM

SC

“ *I was so very sorry & saddened to hear of the passing of your loved one...I came to know Brenda while we were attending Jones College, & have fond memories of her thru the years as we both enjoyed teaching kindergarten. May the Lord give to each one of you his comfort & peace.*
Love to all,
Rhonda Clark Cooley

Shelton & Rhonda Cooley - June 25, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda Broadhead Ward.*



June 25, 2022 at 10:45 AM



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June 24, 2022 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ She was my basketball coach at Myrick Elementary. She was passionate about playing the game and playing it smart. She instilled that in her team. I feel like I have carried a piece of her in my heart due to my love for the sport. Coach, you are made whole again. ❤️ Continued prayers for her family.

Sandra James Brauer - June 24, 2022 at 01:59 PM

LM

“ She was the best basketball coach!! I thank her everyday with the things she taught me. I will surely miss her!!
Lisa Dickerson Mauldin

Lisa Dickerson Mauldin - June 23, 2022 at 04:46 PM

RD

“ ROBERT (STRINGER), LINDA AND DONNA purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Brenda Broadhead Ward.



ROBERT (STRINGER), LINDA AND DONNA - June 23, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda Broadhead Ward.



June 22, 2022 at 07:35 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Praying God will give your family peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Angela & David Rudolph

Angela Rudolph - June 22, 2022 at 03:11 PM