



Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge

April 29, 1936 - April 5, 2026

Carolyn Blackledge, age 89, was born April 29, 1936. She passed away Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, at her home in Laurel, MS, surrounded by her family.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters Lisa Johnston, Pam Blackledge Hunt, Janice Blackledge Clark; nieces Martha Jean O'Hanlon, Margaret Touchstone, Kathleen Touchstone; nephew Aaron Touchstone; grandchildren Erica Hunt Martin, Rebecca Clark Holder, Leann Clark Padbury, James Clark, Katie Johnston and Rachael Morgan Johnston.

She was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Kate Touchstone; husband James (Jim) Claude Blackledge; sisters Bonnie Jean Gregory, Katherine "Sue" Jones; brother Jack Touchstone; daughters TC Peacock Hopkins and Katie Peacock.

She found joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. She loved to travel and explore new places, always carrying a curiosity for the world around her. A devoted reader and avid movie watcher, she could often be found with a good book in hand or enjoying her favorite films. She was an expert bridge player, known for both her skill and her love of the game. Music was also close to her heart, and she shared her talent as a pianist with those around her. She had a deep love for sports, especially football, and rarely missed the

chance to cheer on her favorite teams or attend local high school football games. After dedicating many years to the Jones County School District, she retired with a lasting impact on those she worked with. Above all, she cherished her family and friends, loving them deeply and finding her greatest happiness in the time spent together.

Celebration of Life will be held at Memory Chapel of Laurel, on what would have been her 90th Birthday, April 29, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. Carolyn wished for this day to be a true celebration, filled with laughter, flowers and sweet memories.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
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<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Tribute Wall

SE

“ My husband Bob and I met our dearest friend Carolyn back in 2021 when we came to Laurel, MS for the first time to see what the “fuss” was all about. Driving around we came to the lovely Euclid Ave. and I told my husband to stop so I could get out and take some pictures of the lovely trees. Carolyn came out of her house when she saw me and asked if we needed any help. I saw her and told her that we were new in town and visitors. I asked if I could take a few pics of the beautiful trees on her lovely street. She agreed and we started to visit more until we needed to let her go. I took a few pictures, and noted her address so that when we returned to MI I would write her a note of thanks and appreciation for her kindness.

This was the start of our connection with Carolyn □

In 2023 we returned to Laurel, and once again Carolyn’s kindness came to us when we were running in the rain on 5th Ave. to get back to our rental, and she happened to be driving and saw us, so she stopped her car, opened her car window and asked if she could give us a ride. Well, that is when I realized that we knew this saint of a woman, and I asked if her name was Carolyn. We were all amazed at our meeting again, and we knew that God wanted us to be friends indeed 🙏 □ □ Carolyn told us that we needed to come over later to her home for a proper tea to get acquainted as friends



From 2023 until now our friendship has been cemented with each other.

Because of our Angel Carolyn Blackledge we have returned to Laurel each winter and even bought a wonderful home on N. 7th Ave. that Carolyn saw and told us about in 2023.

We still love Laurel, but sadly decided to sell our southern home this spring of 2026.

We told Carolyn that we needed to sell, but we would still plan on coming back again, and rent when we do.

God Bless you our Angel Carolyn, as we stayed extra long this spring to help you celebrate your 90th birthday 🍷

God had other plans for you, but we stayed to help celebrate with your family and friends the wonderful life that you lead, and you touched our lives with so much love and joy!!

*We miss you Carolyn beyond words, but we will see you again someday we are sure ❤️❤️❤️
Happy 90th Birthday in Heaven 🙏🌟💖🍰🦋
Our love to you, your family and all of your friends that are mourning the loss of YOU 💔🌸 Our love always, Sarah & Bob Engmark*

Sarah Engmark - April 29 at 07:31 PM

WA

“ Walker (Bats) Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.

Walker (Bats) Anderson - April 28 at 08:29 PM

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“ Walker (Bats) Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.



Walker (Bats) Anderson - April 28 at 08:29 PM

PE

“ Patti Peets, Ashley Labarre and Ethel. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.



Patti Peets, Ashley Labarre and Ethel. - April 27 at 08:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.

April 24 at 05:31 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.



April 24 at 05:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, praying for the family in this season of grief. Verda Jones

Verda Jones - April 23 at 10:57 AM



“ My Aunt Carolyn was such a witty, talented, funny person and one of the best storytellers! I looked forward to visiting with her on our trips to Mississippi and via phone calls from Texas. For as long as I could remember, our time together was filled with laughter and stories. Her love for and joy in her family and friends was so clear to all she knew. She loved her music and games and sports and so many things that kept her young at heart! She was supportive and encouraging and always wanted to hear all about our musical endeavors, finding a way to show us each time how much she cared and we all will miss her dearly. Love you, Aunt Carolyn.

Karla, your Texas neice.

Karla - April 21 at 06:19 PM

LT

“ *Love, Trent & Madison Touchstone purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Elizabeth Blackledge.*



Love, Trent & Madison Touchstone - April 20 at 10:16 PM

CT

“ *You will be deeply missed! Rest in peace. Charles Twiddy*

Charles Twiddy - April 20 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ *Thinking and praying for the family. Carolyn Smith*

Carolyn Smith - April 17 at 04:47 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of this. I worked with her at the Superintendent of Education's office. She was so full of life. Praying for the family in the days ahead.*

Angela & David Rudolph

Angela Rudolph - April 15 at 02:24 PM