



## Carolyn Crane Keyes

August 17, 1927 - January 12, 2021

Carolyn Crane Keyes (Nannan) of Laurel, Mississippi went peacefully to her heavenly home on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the age of 93 years. Carolyn was born on August 17, 1927 in Mobile, Alabama to John Calhoun Crane, Jr. and Daisy Gertrude Crane.

She met the love of her life, George Lavard Keyes on the church steps of Kingston Assembly and later married on August 23, 1946. They lived a happy life together for over 73 years. Carolyn began working with South Central Bell as a long-distance telephone operator in 1950. She retired in 1983 with 33 years of service. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

Carolyn was a sweet, caring Christian lady who loved the Lord. She loved going to church and attended Mount Vernon Congregational Methodist Church where she was loved and adored by many. She was a great mother and grandmother and always took wonderful care of her children and grandchildren. She constantly kept the family in laughter, even when she wasn't trying. She had a talent for being able to sit at the piano and play by ear. She is truly loved and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, George Lavard Keyes, her parents, John Calhoun Crane, Jr. and Daisy Gertrude Crane, her brothers, Charles David Crane and John "Buddy" Crane III and her sisters, Jeannette

Crane Embry and Evelyn Crane Brogan.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Carol Upton of Laurel, MS and David Keyes (Patty) of Stringer, MS; Grandchildren, Jennifer Holifield (Darrell) of Laurel, MS, Scott Upton (Melissa) of Decatur, MS, Lacy Sullins of Laurel, MS, Melanie Pickering (Casey) of Laurel, MS, Melissa Dickerson (Josh) of Zachary, LA, Hope Vaughn (Casey) of Laurel, MS, Megan Tenyck (Brent) of Laurel, MS, Clay Coker (Wendy) of Mobile, AL; 21 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and other beloved friends and relatives.

A graveside service will be held at Hickory Grove Cemetery Friday, January 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm with the service officiated by Bro. Davy Fenton. Pallbearers will be Scott Upton, Darrell Holifield, Zach Upton, Austin Upton, Casey Pickering, Bryce Sullins, Cruz Sullins, and Caleb Holifield.

The family would like to thank the following: The compassionate owners, administrator, and caring staff at Guardian Angels #2 for all their excellent care; Dr. Jack Evans, Alan Bryson (P.A.), the nurses, and Laurel Family Clinic for many years of wonderful care; and Diana and Paige at Southern Care.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay  
Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the Keyes family and all who love them!  
Sarah Entrekin

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**Sarah Entrekin** - January 15, 2021 at 09:39 AM

LC

“ Ronnie and I loved Ms Carolyn and Me. Lavard. They were so sweet to be around. I know they will be surely missed by family and friends. Prayers to all.

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**Linda Christian** - January 15, 2021 at 12:16 AM

JS

“ Carol and David, so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing.....She was a nice and sweet lady.....

*Jim Smith*

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**JIM SMITH** - January 14, 2021 at 09:10 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss.  
Pam Boler

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**PAM BOLER** - January 14, 2021 at 08:37 PM

BS

“ I am going to miss my Auntie. I remember so many times Auntie, Mama, and Aunt Net, Uncle Lavard, Daddy, and Uncle Al would get together singing and playing their pianos, guitars and singing gospel hymns, It was quite a show to see, Ill never forget those times. Auntie had a way of making everyone laugh. So sad they have all left us physically, but I will cherish those memories forever. Wished we could all live and enjoy life the way they did. David, Carolyn and family, I love you guys and pray for God to comfort you all during this time.....Tommy Brogan

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**Billy T Brogan Sr** - January 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM