



## Dr. Carolyn Bush Laird

July 17, 1946 - June 21, 2026

Carolyn Bush Laird, born July 17, 1946, in Jones County, Mississippi, passed away on June 21, 2026, at the age of 79.

Dr. Carolyn Bush Laird earned her doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin, TX, and her undergraduate degrees from the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Southern Mississippi and Jones County Junior College. She was an experienced business manager in the petrochemical industry for over 25 years, was an author of more than 80 publications, and held 21 U.S. patents. Before her retirement, her principle focus was water-soluble polymers.

After her retirement, Carolyn enjoyed working in her flower beds, reading, and volunteering. She was a charter member of Franklin Methodist Church.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie T. and Elizabeth Pilgrim Bush.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Amy) and Ronnie (Cati); granddaughter, Megan Greaney; grandson, Robert James (RJ); great-grandsons, Corbin Morse and Nash Greaney; sister, Beth Jackson; niece, Katie (Nick) Devenney; and nephew, Dan (Brennan) Jackson; as well as a host of cousins whom she loved dearly.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, July 3, 2026, at Franklin Methodist Church in Laurel. Reverend Chris Klingenfus and Reverend Dr. Steve Wade will officiate. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

To view or 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

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

**JUL 2.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 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/>

## Celebration of Life

**JUL 3.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Franklin United Methodist Church  
805 Northview Drive  
Laurel, MS 39440