



## Christine Welborn Ratcliffe Henderson

January 12, 1929 - September 29, 2019

Christine (Welborn) Ratcliffe Henderson, 90, of Magee, formerly of Heidelberg, born January 12, 1929, danced through Heaven's Gates to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday morning, September 29, 2019, at Hillcrest Nursing Center in Magee.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2019, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Memory Chapel in Laurel. She will be laid to rest in the Ratcliffe Family Section of Heidelberg City Cemetery. Rev. Joe Watson, Rev. Jimmy Holder, and Rev. Corey Vermilyea will officiate.

Mrs. Henderson was a former Jasper County District Five Election Commissioner, dietary worker at Laurel General Hospital, Northview Villa, and Sandersville Café. She loved her plants, gardening, and fishing. She quilted many homemade quilts and crocheted hundreds of items for her family and friends before her failing health. She also attended the VFW where she loved to visit and dance with her friends.

Mrs. Henderson was a member of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herkel and Stella Varner Welborn; first husband, JB (Rat) Ratcliffe Jr.; infant son, Bobby Lynn Ratcliffe; second husband, Lanier Henderson; brothers, Oree Welborn, B.H. (Jake) Welborn, and Eddie Lewis (Doc) Welborn; and sisters, Laverne Evans and Susie Ruth Reynolds.

She is survived by her son and daughter in law, Julian Ratcliffe (Jelene) of Laurel; grandson, Jason Ratcliffe of Magee; granddaughter, Julie Ratcliffe of Hattiesburg; close family friend, Randy Sullivan of Magee; sister, Lois Brownlee (Bobby) of Sandersville; and brother, John Welborn (Ann) of Laurel; many nieces, nephews, and cousins who affectionately called her "Aunt Tine", and her extended Magee family and friends who loved her as their own.

Her family would like to thank Hillcrest Nursing Center in Magee, especially the West Wing, Dr. Frank Wade, and PAX Hospice for the wonderful care provided to their Nanny for the past three years.

Pallbearers will be Randy Sullivan, Tony Brownlee, Charles Wayne Reynolds, Donnie Evans, Charlie Newcomb, and Chad Sullivan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Wade "Shorty" Reynolds and Spike "FatBoy" Broadus.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapel Laurel.com](http://www.memorychapel Laurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Heidelberg Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 1. 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

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Julian,  
You and your family are in our prayers that God may comfort your hearts. We love you.  
Bro. Jimmy & Alane Knight*

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**Rev. Jimmy & Alane Knight** - October 01, 2019 at 10:52 AM

MJ

“ *We will be praying for you and your family during this time of loss.  
Norma Jean Scruggs  
Melvin Scruggs jr*

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**Melvin Scruggs jr** - September 30, 2019 at 04:41 PM