



## Cynthia K. Morris Hill

March 26, 1960 - March 4, 2020

Cynthia K. Morris Hill, “Cindy,” a Special Education Teacher and long-time resident of Laurel, MS, passed on March 4, 2020 at the age of 59.

Cindy is preceded in death by her father, William Mack Morris, Jr.; her paternal grandparents, Ora and William Mack Morris Sr.; her maternal grandparents Henry and Louisa Williamson; her brother in law, James Hill and wife Sarah; her sister in law, Carolyn Hill Sharplin and husband Jarvis; and brother in law Danny Hill. She is survived by her husband, Howard Ladell Hill; her daughter, Madison Hill; her mother, Edna Morris; her sister, Cathy Patton; her nephews, Chris Patton (Jessica) and Kevin Patton (Abby); and a host of extended family and friends.

Cindy was born in Natchez, MS on March 26, 1960 to William and Edna Morris. She graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1984 with a degree in Interior Design and Art and she went on to be certified to teach Art, Home Economics, and Culinary Arts. Cindy worked as the Recreation Supervisor at Ellisville State School for 18 years, taught Culinary Arts at Laurel High School for 4 years, while teaching at Laurel, she fell in love with the Special Needs students and got certified to teach Special Education. She taught the Special Needs Life Skills class at West Jones High School for 9 years. On August 8, 1992, she married Howard Ladell Hill and four years later, on October 3, 1996, they welcomed their daughter Madison Alexandra.

Cindy was a devoted mother and a faithful friend. Teaching special needs students was truly her passion and she considered her students her own children. She enjoyed attending and participating in church activities at Salem Heights Baptist Church, including teaching Arts and Crafts in Vacation Bible School each summer. During football season, you could find her cheering on the Mustangs at a tailgate with family and friends. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at Salem Heights Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with service to follow.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery

5850 Hwy 84 West  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem Heights Baptist Church  
5850 Hwy 84 W  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

MAR 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AU

“ *Audriana lit a candle in memory of Cynthia K. Morris Hill*



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**Audriana** - July 10, 2024 at 10:49 PM

DR

“ *I have wonderful memories of Cindy when we were both at North Oxford Baptist Church. She was a great friend and demonstrated Christ's love all of her life.*

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**Deanne Ruedemann** - March 06, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DV

“ *Cathy I am so sorry for your loss. Praying God wraps your entire family in his arms*

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**doris jones vickery** - March 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM

SN

“ Cindy and I were great friends in high school. She was such a talented young lady. She and I spent numerous hours at the piano in her home singing and laughing. We were in choir together and the sextet too. I still remember fondly those days. I remember two songs in particular that the alto was so beautiful. One was Hear my Supplication and the other was Fly Away. I hum them all of the time. Cindy and I sang a few duets at North Oxford Baptist too. Her sister, Cathy, played the piano for us. Those were the days for sure. Cindy and I lost touch after high school as so many of us do. We reconnected through Facebook and I've enjoyed the posts we've shared over the past several years.

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**Sissy Gooch Neilson** - March 06, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JE

*Cindy was such a kind and vivacious person. We had many fun times at school and going to church together. Praying for her family.*

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**Jeannine** - March 06, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ The Oxford High School Class of 1978 purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Cynthia K. Morris Hill.



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**The Oxford High School Class of 1978** - March 06, 2020 at 01:06 PM

“ My heart has broken along with Ladell's, Madison's, Mrs. Morris's, and Cathy's hearts. Cindy held a special place in my heart and life as my best friend in high school and through college. She and I had many, many happy and fun times together in Oxford, Mississippi.

Cindy taught me how to put in my soft contact lenses! Ha! Before we could borrow one of our mothers' cars on Fridays after school for cruising the huge metropolis of Oxford (tongue in cheek), we helped each other clean said mothers' houses (grin.)

Every afternoon, as soon as school let us out, Cindy and I drove to the Sonic Drive-in and bought ourselves Frito Chili Pies with Dr. Peppers!

Cindy and I joined our school's Chorus, then auditioned and we're accepted into the Oxford High School Sextette (a 6 girls group) and the Triple Trio (a 9 girls singing group.)

Our senior year, both of our groups earned Superior ratings at the Mississippi State Choral Festival in Vicksburg. Cindy sang alto (beautifully) and I sang soprano.

One time I went with Cindy and her parents to Mrs. Morris's sister's home in Parchman, MS. Her sister drove us through the town and by the state prison there. Mrs. Morris turned around in the front seat and said, "Now you can say you've both been to Parchman State Prison together!"

In high school, whenever someone was looking for one of us, someone else would tell that person, "Look for Cindy, 'cause Bonnie's with her!" Or, "Look for Bonnie, 'cause Cindy's with her!"

Our last year of college we finally got into a college course together: tennis! We had sooo much fun!

Her precious soul will live on in my heart, and I am and will deeply miss Cindy forever. I loved her to pieces, and through her I love her

*family. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I cannot make it to her funeral, and for that I am truly, truly sorry.*

*Bonnie Brenkert*

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**Bonnie Brenkert** - March 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM

LB

“ *Love, Bonnie and Eric Brenkert purchased the A Life Loved Casket Spray for the family of Cynthia K. Morris Hill.*



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**Love, Bonnie and Eric Brenkert** - March 06, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia K. Morris Hill.*



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March 05, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia K. Morris Hill.*



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March 05, 2020 at 07:06 PM

CE

“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of  
Cynthia K. Morris Hill*



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**Charlotte Ellzey** - March 05, 2020 at 06:34 PM