



Dawanda J. Walters

March 18, 1947 - November 4, 2025

Dawanda Jane Walters, 78, of Laurel, MS, gained her wings Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her father Travis Johnson, stepmother Rita Johnson, and mother Jane Gatlin.

She is survived by her life partner Lewis Sullivan; son Samuel E. Walters; three grandsons, Samuel E. Walters, III, Donovan Walters, and Justin Schlunaker; sister Deborah Brett; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. Services will be held Friday, November 7, 2025, at Memory Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Steve Harris officiating. Burial will be at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Robert Mayo, David Holifield, Timmy Sullivan, Tommy Harrison, Troy Speagle, and Arthur Byrd.

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

Cemetery Details

Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery

10 Bill Windham Rd.
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 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
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Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sammy & Family, We are so very sorry to have read of the passing of your sweet mother.
I always enjoyed seeing & chatting w/her.
May our Lord give you & your family comfort & peace at this sad & difficult time.
Shelton & Rhonda Cooley*

Shelton & Rhonda Cooley - November 07, 2025 at 08:26 AM

TC

“ *The Charles Sullivan children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawanda J. Walters.*

The Charles Sullivan children - November 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dawanda J. Walters.*



November 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Aunt Dawanda will always be remembered fondly with a big smile.*

Kimberly Walters Dahlgren - November 05, 2025 at 10:42 PM

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“ Alex & Trent purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dawanda J. Walters.



Alex & Trent - November 05, 2025 at 07:47 PM

SW

“ Swampers purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dawanda J. Walters.



Swampers - November 05, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Swampers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawanda J. Walters.

Swampers - November 05, 2025 at 05:14 PM