



## Doris "Libby" Elizabeth Rushton

June 22, 1946 - March 6, 2026

Doris "Libby" Rushton, 79, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2026 after a five month battle with cancer. Born June 2, 1946 in Laurel, Mississippi, Libby was the daughter of Eric and Doris Clark of the Powers Community.

Libby was preceded in death by her parents- Eric & Doris Clark, brother- Otis "Champ" Clark, sister- Linda Mathews, nephews- Mark Clark and Jeffery Mathews, son in law- Marvin Hearn, and brother in law- Rick Smith.

Libby leaves behind a family she truly loved and adored as they did her. Husband of 61 years Thomas "Tom" Rushton, daughters Kim Hearn, Tommie Walters (Scottie). Grandchildren of whom she was "Nana" to and who brought her great pride and joy. Mason Walters (Jodie), Makenzie Walters (Sheldyn), and Myles Walters. Three great grandchildren Harper Walters, Banks Walters, and Marshall Walters. Brothers Eric "Bubba" Clark (Betty), Mark "Tubby" Clark (Linda), sister in law Wanda Smith and a host of nieces and nephews.

Libby was a member of Bethlehem Church.

Tom and Libby married in Laurel on September 19, 1964 then relocated to Norfolk, VA where Tom was based for the United States Navy. They returned to Laurel in 1967 and have lived in the Powers Community since.

Libby enjoyed being with all of her family and thoroughly enjoyed cooking for everyone even those beyond her family. Libby was blessed with many special friendships thru her life in the community and especially in her years as a tax preparer.

The visitation will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel, MS on Monday, March 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 P.m. with a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. immediately following the visitation at the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Mason Walters, Makenzie Walters, Myles Walters, Scottie Walters, Eric Clark and Christopher Loftin.

Bro. David Dewease will officiate.

A special thank you to the medical teams at Forrest General Hospital, Select Specialty Hospital in Gulfport and St. Joseph's Carpenter House, as well as sitters who helped and cared for her during her lengthy hospitalization.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

## Graveside Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery  
838 Reid Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Bubba and Betty, and by a long time ago of waiting on Tom at Commercial Bank for Rodney Cockerham, I extend my deepest condolences to you all. I don't know if we are related through the Bilbo Rustin family or not but I often heard that the two families were related, but I wanted you all to know that I was thinking about all of you at this very sad time and lifting you up in a very special moment of prayer just now. May God continue to bless and comfort you all in your days of grief! With love, Donna Rustin Riles*



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**Sheryl R Riles** - April 11 at 05:17 PM

MW

“ *Libby was a wonderful person & loved deeply by her amazing family. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She lost so many family members starting at a very young age. We can rejoice as she is now in the arms of her loved ones. God welcomed her with open arms.*

*Mike Warren*

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**Mike Warren** - March 15 at 10:38 PM

PH

“ *Pat Hock lit a candle in memory of Doris "Libby" Rushton*



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**Pat Hock** - March 09 at 10:31 PM

PA

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Pat - March 09 at 08:41 PM

SL

“ I was so sad when I heard of Libby's passing but, happy at the same time. I know she is with Jesus and her loved ones who are in heaven with her. I have know Libby all of my life. We grew up in the Powers community and we attended the same Bethlehem Baptist church. She told me once that we were in the church nursery at the same time. We also attended the same schools thru high school. She was a close friend and one of the kindest, sweetest people have ever known. Praying for Tom and family and Bubba and Tubby. God bless y'all with a Peace that passes all understanding.

Sam (Sammy) Loper - March 08 at 08:47 PM

SE

“ I knew Libby from many years ago, when she was a legal secretary! She was a very sweet young lady! I am sorry to see that she has passed; but I know her and know she is with Jesus now! Prayers for all of her family! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sarah Entrekin - March 08 at 01:09 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Doris "Libby" Elizabeth Rushton.*



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March 07 at 11:51 PM



“ *Worked with Libby at the hosp in Laurel. She was such a sweet lady. Have always been grateful for her encouraging me to join the credit union and the 401k.*  
*Lisa Pittman Windham*

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**Lisa Pittman** - March 07 at 04:48 PM



“ *I express sorrow to the family and friends of Doris "Libby" Elizabeth Clark Rushton. I pray our Lord's love, comfort and strength for each of you. I have prayed for her and for comfort and healing. I continue to pray for Tom, Kim and Tommie and families. A very precious, sweet Lady. A wonderful cousin.*

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**Dan West** - March 07 at 03:49 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Kim. Prayers for the family during this difficult time*

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**Glenda Spradley** - March 07 at 03:14 PM