



## Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell

November 10, 1943 - August 23, 2025

Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell, 81, of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away peacefully at home on August 23, 2025. She was surrounded by her loving husband, children, grandchildren and friends at the time of her passing. She was born on November 10, 1943 to Edith Mae Davis Lawson and David Phillip Lawson. She is preceded in death by her father, David Phillip Lawson; mother, Edith Lawson; brothers, Jerry Lawson and Aubrey Dale Lawson; daughter, Pamela Dickerson; and son-in-law, Bobby Stroo.

After raising her family, she pursued her dream of becoming a nurse, completing her GED and enrolling in nursing school at the age of 43. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and began her career at Forrest General Hospital in the emergency department. While in the emergency room, she worked as a night shift nurse, charge nurse, nurse manager and retired as the director of the emergency room. Her morals, values and work ethics made an impact on everyone she worked with. Leadership is one of the many legacies that she will leave behind. Under her leadership, her nursing staff excelled in their roles and to this day the standards she set are still topics of conversation.

She was a member of Freedom Baptist Church where she was very active and helped contribute to the growth of missionary work. Her faith in the Lord was unwavering and strong.

She is survived by her husband, William Lamont (Monty) Jarrell; son, Phil Dickerson ( Marsha); daughters, Paula Walters (Nick) and Patti Stroo; grandchildren, Cari Stewart (Reggie), Amber Touchstone, Johnathon Stroo (Erica), Casey Stroo (Jessica), Cody Mann, Aaron Mann (Sommer), Zachary Dickerson, Gage Dickerson; and sister, Kathryn Moncivias. She had 10 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home and beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at Freedom Baptist Church with services to follow at 2:00 p.m. Services will be officiated by Robby Johnson, Nathan Brown and Craig Walters. Burial will be in Myrick Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Casey Stroo, Johnathan Stroo, Aaron Mann, Cody Mann, Lane White, Blake Touchstone and Drew Stewart.

We would like to thank Comfort Care Hospice staff, especially Raven Anderson and Phyllis Clark for the excellent care they provided.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 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.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

## Visitation

AUG **27**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Baptist Church  
971 Freedom Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

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AUG **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Baptist Church  
971 Freedom Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ If everyone in the FGH ER had been like Dot, it would have been a wonderful place to work. She helped me when I was going through a rough time in my life. She was truly a caring person and a wonderful nurse. She will be missed by many and replaced by none!

J. C. - August 27, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SC

“ I wish I could be there to honor Dot. She was a volcano of knowledge that never finished flowing. She will be deeply missed.

Stephanie Caldwell - August 26, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.



August 26, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.

August 26, 2025 at 01:08 PM

MW

“ My deepest condolences go out to Monty, the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and Dot's family and many friends. I met Dot many years ago while visiting Monty when they lived in Hattiesburg. She was a gracious and wonderful lady who will be missed by so many. May she rest in the arms of our Lord.

Mike Williams - August 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.



August 26, 2025 at 11:10 AM

SA

“ Sandy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.



Sandy - August 26, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.



August 26, 2025 at 09:04 AM

JF

“ Jennifer F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell.

Jennifer F. - August 25, 2025 at 10:01 PM

VH

“ To the family of Mrs. Dot, I want to extend my deepest condolences on your loss. I had the honor of working with her for many years in the FGH ER, and she was truly one of my favorite nurses. Mrs. Dot was one of the best, hardworking, caring, generous, and compassionate not only to her patients but also to her colleagues and staff. She will be truly missed, and her memory will always be cherished. - Valencia Hopkins

Valencia Hopkins - August 25, 2025 at 08:04 PM

SH

“ I'm so sad to hear of Dot's passing. I started doing her nails 20 years we shared a lot in those appointments laughs tears and saving the world. When she retired we did not get to see each other as much but every once in a while she would call me and say can you work me in? She will be missed I loved her❤️

susan howe - August 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Go rest high on that mountain. Watch over all your family and friends. Ms Dot was the sweetest lady. Cherish her memories, they will help thru the next days and weeks to follow. She will be missed by many.  
Wanda Harrison



Wanda Harrison - August 25, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JH

“ *Monty, I am so sorry to read this. I remember my time working with Dot fondly. She was a kind person, a good nurse and friend.*

John Hood - August 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

LD

“ *SHE WAS SUCH A SPECIAL LADY AND I ENJOYED WORKING WITH HER AT FGH. SHE CARED ABOUT HER STAFF AND THE PATIENTS THAT CAME TO THE ER. PRAYING FOR HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.*

Linda Dunnam - August 24, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LM

“ *I really admired and respected Ms Dot. She had a mutual respect for us EMS crews and offered great advice. Prayers for Monty who was my instructor and first EMS mentor.*

Len Marshall - August 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

BL

“ *Dot was one of the kindest, thoughtful, and most generous people I've ever known. She was the champion that you wanted in your corner. Her love for her family and friends was remarkable. She is certainly leaving a void on our lives.*

Bea Lee - August 24, 2025 at 05:29 PM

JS

“ *Julie Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Dorothy (Dot) Denham Jarrell*



Julie Shoemake - August 24, 2025 at 05:04 PM