



## Elizabeth Jean Ward

June 8, 1939 - February 4, 2016

Elizabeth Jean (Jeannie) Fontana Ward

Elizabeth Jean (Jeannie) Fontana Ward, 76, left this earth to be with her Lord and Savior on February 4, 2016 at Forrest General Hospital after a brief illness. Her last moments were spent in the loving arms of her family.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Saturday from 5 – 7 p.m., with a rosary service at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be officiated by Father Michael Thornton at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Sunday at 2 p.m. with burial immediately following at Sunset Gardens.

Jeannie was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel and served the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi in Dedeaux. Jeannie was a homemaker who served as “mom” not only to her own children but to many neighborhood and school children. She was active in her church and participated in a prayer group, birthday ladies monthly luncheons, as a lector and Eucharistic minister to the sick along with many other activities. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was born to the late Vincent Anthony and Congetta Solito Fontana on June 8, 1939 in Houma, LA. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Billy Ward and six sisters and one brother.

She is survived by her children, Kathy (Ben) Graves, Congetta (Chip) Gieger, and David Ward. Grandchildren Heather (Jake) Carlisle, Alex (Todd) Arnold, Evan (Amber) Gieger, Tori Gieger, Emileigh Irvin, and Abby Alburn. Great-grandchildren Bella, Addy and Nate Carlisle. She is also survived by a sister, Kathryn Mizell, two brothers, Peter and Steven Fontana and a host of nieces and nephews.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Gardens Cemetery

1206 Wansley Road  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 AM (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/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your mom and dad were the kindest of neighbors. They will be missed by all who knew them. You will remain in our prayers.*  
*Netta and Connie Hoover*

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**Connie Hoover** - February 09, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ *May God grant you all peace and comfort in this time of loss.*  
*Your friends, Doris Blankenship*  
*Allen Blankenship*  
*& Kathy Blankenship Smith*

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**Doris Blankenship** - February 07, 2016 at 08:10 PM

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“ *Our Prayers are with you and your family.*  
*With all our sympathy,*  
*Terry (Hehn) Livingston*



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**Terry Livingston** - February 07, 2016 at 11:03 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss and all of your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember your mother and father and the kindness that they shared with others. They never met a stranger. We take comfort knowing that they are together now with their heavenly father. May GOD give you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

*Sending our love,  
Kerry, Terri, Karlee & Klay Hill  
Kole & Peyton Hill  
Homer & Bobbye Cooley*

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**Terri Hill** - February 07, 2016 at 10:38 AM

DC

“ Our family is praying for your family. May the peace of Christ's presence be with you in the days and weeks to come.

*Debbie (Hehn) Chisolm*

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**Debbie Chisolm** - February 06, 2016 at 07:25 PM

JG

“ Congetta, Kathy, David and Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.  
Hold onto all the wonderful memories! Love you and miss you.*

*Janet Drennan Grayson*

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**Janet Grayson** - February 06, 2016 at 11:51 AM

AD

“ *Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We extend our heartfelt sympathy in the death of your Mother/Grandmother.*  
*John and Annette Drennan*  
*Brandon, Ms*

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**Annette Drennan** - February 05, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Wesley & Glenda Arnold purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth Jean Ward.*



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**Wesley & Glenda Arnold** - February 05, 2016 at 03:11 PM