



## Ernestine Wait Jefcoat

December 10, 1935 - June 18, 2023

Ernestine Wait Jefcoat, age 87, of Soso, MS passed away Sunday, June 18, 2023. Ernestine was born in Pontotoc, MS on December 10, 1935. She attended Itawamba Community College in Fulton, MS and continued her education at Mississippi State University, pursuing a degree in English. While at Mississippi State, she met, courted and eventually married her husband of 65 years. Ernestine taught school in Louisiana while her husband was in the Army and this resulted in several moves to many different states in the early years of their marriage. He later went to work for Mississippi Chemical, where he was employed for 33 years, while Mrs. Jefcoat supported his career by staying home and raising their family. The latter years of their marriage, until even today, has been dedicated to farming.

She was preceded in death by her parents James Wesley Wait and Maudie Bell Blount Wait, her twin sister Billie Jean Logan, sister, Jimmie Dee McCormick, and sister Lola Marie Ferguson. Ernestine is survived by her husband of 65 years Donis O. Jefcoat, three children, Donald Jefcoat, Steven Jefcoat (Lou Ann), and Joy White (Brian) and five grandchildren: Hunter Jefcoat (Natalie), Hollie Skipper (Blake), Savannah White, Wesley White (Lauren), and Preston White (Caroline) and five great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a host of wonderful nieces and nephews. She has been a member of First Baptist Church of Soso, MS for over 50 years where she led a ladies Bible Study and also sang in the choir. Ernestine is known for her

service as secretary of the Union Line Home Makers Club that is only one of two facilities in Jones County that is not maintained by the county.

Pallbearers will be Hunter Jefcoat, Preston White, Wesley White, Blake Skipper, Skylar Ladd, Joey Jefcoat and Jeff Yelverton. Bro. P.J. Weeks and Dr. Daniel Hathorne will officiate.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Memory Chapel in Laurel, Mississippi. The service will also be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Union Line Cemetery, in Soso, Mississippi.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Union Line Cemetery

Corner of Jefcoat Road and Union Line Road  
Soso, MS 39480

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 20.** 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  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

**JUN 21.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“*Doug and I enjoyed a delicious dinner with she and Donis last time we were there. I'm sure our mighty God was waiting with arms open. So sorry to all the family & friends who will miss this lovely lady Jeanne & Doug Jefcoat*

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**Jeanne jefcoat** - July 08, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“*Salvatore C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernestine Wait Jefcoat.*

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**Salvatore C.** - June 20, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“*I have always admired and adored this amazing lady. She will be remembered as a Christian woman of God, a Godly wife and mother, and a faithful friend to many. Deepest sympathy to her family.*

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**Karen Jefcoats Blackledge** - June 20, 2023 at 12:17 PM



*She was a very sweet lady, sending condolences to the family*

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**Gina Herndon** - June 20, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“*Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Ernestine Wait Jefcoat.*



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June 20, 2023 at 10:14 AM

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“ Lou A. Robison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernestine Wait Jefcoat.

Lou A. Robison - June 19, 2023 at 10:47 PM

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“ Lou A. Robison purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Ernestine Wait  
Jefcoat.



Lou A. Robison - June 19, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Ernestine Wait Jefcoat.



June 19, 2023 at 10:46 PM