



## Ethel Merel McDonald

June 26, 1942 - January 24, 2023

Ethel Merel McDonald died peacefully at home on January 24, 2023. She was born June 26, 1942 to Willie and Blanche Coley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Ben McDonald; her parents, Willie and Blanche Coley; her youngest daughter, Lisa Roberts; sisters, Melba Sims, Doris Ulmer, Ann West, and Mavis Goldman; and brothers, Lavelle Coley, Jackie Coley, and Joe Coley.

She is survived by her sons, Wade (Teresa) McDonald, Frank (Mandy) McDonald; her daughter, Roxanne (Dewayne) Loper; her grandchildren, Chris Roberts, Nicki (Robbie) Poole, Chase (Tamra) McDonald, Brandon McDonald, Brittany Loper, Zac McDonald, Maria (Brandon) Barnette; nine great grandchildren; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Chase McDonald, Zac McDonald, Brandon McDonald, Robbie Poole, Donald Ray West, and Chris Roberts.

Services will be Monday, January 30th at Florence Congregational Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. and the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Blackledge Cemetery. Brother Jimmy Holder and Brother Bruce Walley will officiate.

The family would like to thank Deaconess Hospice and staff for the excellent care in her final weeks, with special thanks to Misty Lacey and Jenny Reedy, as well as her special nieces, Donna Ann Hudson and Darlene Rowell.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Blackledge Cemetery

Pleasant Grove Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Florence Congregational Methodist Church  
39 McFarland Rd  
Heidelberg, MS 39439

## Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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39 McFarland Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ To all of the family, we are so very sorry & saddened to have read of the passing of Ms. Ethel.  
I came to know her when we worked at Sandsville Elementary.  
I always enjoyed seeing & chatting with her...she was a sweet "little" lady. Please know we pray peace & comfort for each one of you...forever treasure all your memories in your heart ❤️.  
Love,  
Shelton & Rhonda Cooley

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**Sheton & Rhonda Cooley** - January 30, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Merel McDonald.



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January 27, 2023 at 03:07 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts will be with your family in the days ahead.

*Angela & David Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - January 26, 2023 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Bobbie lit a candle in memory of Ethel McDonald*



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**Bobbie** - January 25, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ *My prayers are with the family. I love each and everyone of you. Ethel has been a part of my life for 63 years. I was 9 years old. She bought me my first store bought dress. My first Easter Dress. I loved her dearly.*

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**Bobbie** - January 25, 2023 at 08:12 PM