



Frances B. Pitts

September 22, 1928 - April 17, 2022

Frances Blackledge Pitts, age 93, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family and devoted caregivers on Easter morning, April 17, 2022 following a brief illness.

She was born in Jones County, Mississippi and graduated from Sandersville High School in 1946. Preceding in death were parents Leonard and Gertrude Blackledge, brother Winfred Blackledge, and children Dwight Pitts and Rethea Pitts.

Frances is survived by Floyd Pitts, her adoring husband of 73 years; Kay and Steve Hughes, daughter and son-in-law of Laurel; granddaughter Chanda Brandt (husband Kevin) of Texas; granddaughter Raina Clifford (husband Mark) of Washington; grandson Oliver Pitts of Arizona; brother Orville Blackledge; brother Hollis Blackledge and wife Bonnie; sister Imogene Manning and husband Lamar; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and her granddogs Kona and Cali.

She was a young window dresser at McLellan's Department Store and was called "the prettiest girl in town". Frances married Floyd in 1950 and later managed the office of his electrical contracting business. As the family grew, she became a full-time homemaker. Frances was a volunteer infant nursery worker at First Baptist Church in Laurel and decades later still knew them by

name and where their lives had taken them. Mrs. Pitts was a member of National Campers on Mission, where she shared her faith and participated in mission activities with her husband by RVing across the nation, always with their travel pup, Hildie, the schnauzer. For several years her family lived at Stafford Springs in Heidelberg, where she was President of the Heidelberg Garden Club. She loved flowers, growing vegetables, and made the best cornbread, biscuits, and pecan pies. Country music and dancing and watching rodeo on TV were favorite pastimes but she most greatly anticipated the regular Saturday date nights watching Irish singing legend Daniel O'Donnell with the love of her life.

She was the family matriarch and checked on her loved ones near and far most every day. Over the years she enjoyed corresponding and talking with former classmates and lifelong friends. Frances loved having morning coffee very early and reading daily devotionals. On the day of her passing, one of her caregivers wrote the following in the daily care journal: "A perfect example of a loving wife, mother, sister and friend. We should all hope and try to be more like her in every way. My life will be better from having known her."

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at First Baptist Church of Laurel with services to follow at 2:00 p.m. Graveside service will be at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers are Buddy Manning, Stacy Pitts, Brian Hurst, Pat Welch, Craig Craft and Lester Parish.

The family wishes to thank Deaconness Home Health, Deaconness Hospice, and caregivers Robin, Candy, and Angel.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

APR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jodee Flynt Davies lit a candle in memory of Frances B. Pitts*



jodee flynt davies - April 23, 2022 at 03:51 AM

WC

“ *Windy Carleton lit a candle in memory of Frances B. Pitts*



Windy Carleton - April 20, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LD

“ *Liz Duncan lit a candle in memory of Frances B. Pitts*



Liz Duncan - April 19, 2022 at 06:15 PM