



Frankie Smith

September 14, 1930 - September 15, 2018

Obituary For Frankie Coghlan Smith

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Family and friends of Frankie Smith are celebrating her remarkable life.

Frankie passed away peacefully in her home a few minutes after midnight with family surrounding. She was 88 years and 14 minutes old.

Frankie was born to Hiram and Annie Coghlan of Laurel, the last of four children. She attended Laurel schools and graduated from George S. Gardnier High School. She had a beautiful child-like faith in Jesus and we will see her again.

Frankie began working at Reliance Manufacturing Company in the early 50's as a secretary, alongside her beloved sister Katherine. Her organizational and office skills opened employment opportunities at the MS State Unemployment Office and she later retired after 22 years of service at the MS State Department of Health as a Clerical Supervisor over the lower 9 counties.

Frankie and her ex-husband, Jerry, owned and operated the Laurel Skating Rink in the 60's and 70's. She cherished and nurtured the many wonderful memories and friendships of so many people.

Frankie was a talker and a storyteller. She will always be remembered for the "Belinda, the Pink Fairy" stories which have spanned 5 generations.

Frankie was a talented seamstress and will be remembered for her amazing sense of style.

She was happiest when hosting family holiday gatherings and was a

wonderful cook.

Frankie is preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Katherine (John) Williams, Otto Coghlan, and baby brother James Bernice; Her ex-husbands, James Wyatt Lewis and Walton Jerry Smith.

Frankie is survived by her only child, Mary Katherine (Paul) McKnight; granddaughters, Melissa (Tony Jr.) Lavey and Emily Clemens; great grandchildren, Erin and Ethan Lavey and Morgan, Mady, and Colby Bogolin; great great granddaughter, Amira Rayne Badon. God blessed her with 5 generations.

Nieces and nephews, Barbara, John Jr. and David Williams; Debbie, Joey (Jennie) Coghlan; Jennifer (Bill) Eddins and our Virginia and Monroe families. A host of other loved ones, especially Danny Bogolin.

Special appreciation to beloved nephew, friend, debate partner, and primary caregiver, David. Niece, Debbie (partner in crime and travel companion).

Loving Care Sitter Service, especially Tammy Stockman who cared for Frankie with utmost love and compassion.

Pallbearers will be David Williams, Joey Coghlan, Tony Lavey Jr., Danny Bogolin, Ethan Lavey, Scott Coghlan, and Colby Bogolin.

Services will be at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 with visitation at 1:00 p.m. and service at 2:00 p.m. If you have bling, wear it in honor of Frankie.

To view and sign the online guestbook, go to www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Service

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Dear Kathy I'm so sorry to hear about Frankie she will be missed for sure. I have so many memories of working at skating rink with your mom and dad. I will never forget your mom or dad they played a very important role in my life .

Ray Martin - September 19, 2018 at 07:29 PM



“ Spent many a day at the skating rink. I was so please when not so long ago she came into my salon for Amanda to do her hair and traded stories with my client. It was so much fun. She will be missed.

Marian Latimer - September 19, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frankie Smith.



September 18, 2018 at 04:20 PM

VG

“ What a lovely lady, inside and out. Her family will miss her. We love all of you.

Vera and Walter Griffith

vera griffith - September 17, 2018 at 04:11 PM

DB

“ I am so glad that I got to chat with Frankie on fb a couple of years ago. She was always so sweet to us at the skating rink. She even kept us on Saturday mornings sometimes and took us to the rink with her. We thought we had hit gold when she let us help behind the counter. Frankie had a positive influence on many children and teens in the Laurel community.

Debbie Buckhaults - September 17, 2018 at 09:15 AM

KM

Your kind tributes for my Mama are so appreciated. She was a class act.

Kathy McKnight - September 20, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Frankie Smith.



September 16, 2018 at 04:23 PM