



## Gay Celesta Davis Morgan

March 6, 1931 - September 21, 2016

Gay Celesta Davis Morgan, 85, of Birmingham, AL, formerly of Laurel, passed away on September 21, 2016.

Mrs. Morgan was born on March 6, 1931. She attended George S. Gardiner High School, where she played cornet in the marching band, and was valedictorian of her senior class. She married Ben C. Morgan on December 11, 1949. She was a member of Eastview Baptist Church for many years, where she served as choir director, a member of the choir, and Sunday school teacher. She worked for Laurel City Schools until her retirement, first as an administrative assistant to the superintendent, and later, after obtaining her B.A. and M.A. in Education, as a teacher of eighth grade English at Jones Jr. High. As a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Laurel, she sang in the choir and taught the Dorcas Sunday school class. She was a docent at Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, and also served as President of the LRMA Guild. She was very active in the Southern Heritage Garden Club. In addition to all of these accomplishments, she was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She was beautiful, kind, patient, loving, and generous, and made the world a better place for all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. Davis, Jr. and Claudia Cooley Davis; husband, Benjamin C. "Ben" Morgan; two brothers, James "Buddy" Davis and Ronald "Ronnie" Davis; and one sister, Elizabeth "Libby"

Richter.

Survivors include her son, David R. Morgan (Janice) of Carrollton, GA; two daughters, Kathy Morgan Zimpfer (Paul) of Hamilton, Montana and Angela Morgan of Birmingham, AL; five grandchildren, Audrey Holloway, Rachel Harrington, Susanna Markert, Jacob Morgan, and Miriam Daniels; and three great grandchildren, Joshua Travis, Michael Daniel, and Kaitlyn Rose Harrington.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Memory Chapel with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017 or through the website at [www.alzinfo.org](http://www.alzinfo.org).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *She was a beautiful, kind woman with a love of hydrangea and birds. We will miss her sweet smile and glad she no longer suffers. There must be a field of flowers waiting for her to frolic through.*



Danny and Donna K. Cobb - September 27, 2016 at 08:35 PM

LP

“ *Deepest sympathy extended to the family of Gay Morgan. Praying for your comfort and peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Linda Patterson*

Linda Patterson - September 24, 2016 at 06:04 PM

SW

“ *I am so sorry I was out of town and unable to attend the funeral. Gay was VERY special to me. She sat right in front of me in the choir. Her hair always looked so pretty because she had been to the beauty shop that day. My memory that is really special is the year we went to Ridgecrest to Music Week and shared a room. This will make you laugh. My other friend (Jan that shared the room) and I decided to have your mom correct us every time we made a grammatical error. Needless to say, we finally got to where we were afraid to speak. We had so many laughs about that trip. She said, "Well, you told me to correct you." Your dad was also special to me. I have mahogany table leaves that he custom-made for me. Heaven is a richer place because they are there.*

Sue Walker - September 24, 2016 at 04:10 PM

RK

“ *Our prayers are with all the family.*

Rev. Jimmy Knight - September 23, 2016 at 02:40 PM

AB

“ *Such a beautiful lady. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days. so sorry for your loss.*

Amy Busby - September 23, 2016 at 10:10 AM

MT

“ *I knew Gay through Delta Kappa Gamma in Laurel. I thought so much of her and always thought she was so attractive. A lovely, Southern Lady!! Please accept my deepest sympathy at her loss.*  
*Martha R. Tisdale*

Martha Tisdale - September 23, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gay Celesta Davis Morgan.*



September 22, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gay Celesta Davis Morgan.*



September 22, 2016 at 05:53 PM