



## Hazel Diane Bates

August 20, 1942 - January 19, 2025

Hazel Diane Bates, 82, was born as the only child of Shelly Lamar Bates and Hazel Davis Bates on August 20, 1942. She passed away peacefully at South Central Regional Medical Center on January 19, 2025.

Diane was a graduate of George S. Gardiner High School and graduated from the childcare program at Jones College. She was a faithful member of West Laurel Baptist Church where she worked in the nursery, taught Sunday School to 3- and 4-year-olds, crocheted baby blankets and worked in the children's church. She was a foster grandparent at Ellisville State School for fourteen years. Diane was a member of the Ellisville Chapter of the Daughters' of the American Revolution, where she served as chaplain.

Diane had a compassionate, giving heart for people and animals. Her purpose was to serve children, the elderly, and the less fortunate. She lived a full life and will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025 from 10-11 AM at Memory Chapel Funeral Home with funeral services at 11 AM. A graveside service will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Bro. Russell Freeman will officiate and the men of West Laurel Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Gideons International; West

Laurel Baptist Church (1400 W. 5th St., Laurel); St. Jude Children's Hospital (stjude.org); Laurel Animal Rescue League/ARL (2511 Moose Dr., Laurel); or Southern Cross Animal Rescue/SCAR (scarofms.org).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane's daddy Shelley and my Grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Bates were brothers. I didn't know them but Diane found me on FB and reached out a few months ago. In that time we spent time on FB and talking by phone. My sister, niece and I had planned to visit her in April to meet family. God had different plans but we will meet in heaven on of these days. Rest in Peace my sweet cousin.*

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**Carol Capps** - February 11, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Dianne was a friend and neighbor while we were growing up. We also attended church and school together for many years. She was always a kind, caring person.*

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**Amy Williams** - January 21, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Was one of the sweetest person I had the pleasure of knowing her. Was a classmate and proud member of the 1960 George S Gardiner High School. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

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**Jane Jenkins Meador** - January 20, 2025 at 06:13 PM