



Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston

March 26, 1957 - February 25, 2024

Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston passed away Sunday, February 25, 2024 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS. A resident of Laurel, Jacque was born March 26, 1957 to Phyllis LeGasse and James Burr Johnston of Shubuta, MS. She was the youngest of five daughters. Jacque often shared stories with her children of her wonderful childhood growing up in Shubuta. Her youth was filled with swimming at Lake Waukaway, activities at the Shubuta United Methodist Church, Ole Miss football, school activities, but especially horses. It was at an early age she discovered her love of horses which led to her becoming an accomplished equestrian.

After graduating from Wayne Academy, she attended Jones County Junior College for a year where she was a cheerleader and an honor student. From there, along with her horse, she attended the University of Mississippi where she received bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees in education. At Ole Miss she was a member of the Phi Mu sorority.

She was a well-loved elementary school teacher for more than 35 years, teaching in Amory, MS; Denver, CO; Mobile, AL; and Waynesboro, Laurel and Jones County, MS. She ended her career working with gifted students in the Star Reach program. To do this she returned to school, the University of Southern Mississippi, to receive an additional degree. She was a lifelong learner.

Jacque was an exceptional gardener who found joy in working in the dirt to the result of a yard filled with beauty. She cherished her North Park neighbors and friends. She was a devoted daughter, who in her parent's later years lovingly helped them maintain their independence in Shubuta prior to moving to assisted living in Laurel. However, most of all her greatest joy was being a mother to her children Julie and James and a grandmother to Lyda and Frances, who affectionately called her "Butter."

Jacque was preceded in death by her grandmother and namesake Lyda Brashier Johnston and her parents. She is survived by her children Julie Pyatt (Thomas) Crockett of Washington, D.C. and James Pyatt of Austin, TX; her granddaughters Lyda Ann Crockett and Frances June Crockett of Washington; her sisters Phyllis Ann (Kenny) Van Rossum of Laurel, Jean (Joe) Johnson of Laurel, Hope (Frank) Johnston and Jimmye (Andy) Sweat of Jackson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, March 1 at Laurel First Methodist Church, with her nephew Luke Johnson and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Hathorne officiating. Burial will follow in the Shubuta Cemetery next to her parents. The family will receive friends at the church from 11a.m.-12 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art.

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

Cemetery Details

Shubuta Cemetery

Shubuta, MS 39360

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Laurel First Methodist Church
420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Laurel First Methodist Church
420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

YF

“ Your AACOM Family purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.



Your AACOM Family - March 01, 2024 at 03:27 PM

PD

“ Patricia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.

Patricia D. - March 01, 2024 at 01:29 PM

HK

“ Hubert Patsy Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston



Hubert and Patsy Kendrick - March 01, 2024 at 01:20 PM

AT

“ AACOM GR Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.



AACOM GR Team - March 01, 2024 at 10:53 AM

RM

“ I am reminded of the love that my sweet sister Rebecca Jones Webster shared with Jackie. They were childhood friends growing up in Shubuta and remained friends until she passed away eight years ago!

Regina McQueen - February 29, 2024 at 07:43 PM

YE

“ Yoon Family (Judith, Ed, Edith) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.



Yoon Family (Judith, Ed, Edith) - February 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM

YE

“ Yoon Family (Judith, Ed, Edith) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.

Yoon Family (Judith, Ed, Edith) - February 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM

AL

“ Alegneta L. purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.



Alegneta L. - February 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM

AL

“ *Alegneta L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.*

Alegneta L. - February 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM

AR

“ *Al R. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.*



Al R. - February 29, 2024 at 12:09 PM

AR

“ *Al R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.*

Al R. - February 29, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.*



February 29, 2024 at 09:54 AM

LF

“ Love, Team FDRA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.

Love, Team FDRA - February 29, 2024 at 09:54 AM

CW

“ Cyndi Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston



Cyndi Wilson - February 29, 2024 at 08:44 AM

LA

“ Love and Prayers, Lynn Dabbs Anderson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.



Love and Prayers, Lynn Dabbs Anderson - February 29, 2024 at 08:42 AM

LA

“ Love and Prayers, Lynn Dabbs Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Lyda Johnston.

Love and Prayers, Lynn Dabbs Anderson - February 29, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ My condolences to the Johnston family!

Judy Majure - February 28, 2024 at 09:03 PM