



## Jo Ann Hill Upton

November 5, 1939 - March 22, 2022

Jo Ann Hill Upton, 82 years young, has gone to be with her Heavenly Father on March 22, 2022.

She was born November 5, 1939, in Soso, Mississippi.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Upton; two sons, Charles D. Upton and James R. Upton; two grandchildren, Justin D. Upton and Amy L. Upton Edwards; three great grandchildren, Elaina Upton, and Jackson and Marley Edwards, with another Edwards baby due in September. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Louis McAllister and two nephews, David Smith and Paul Smith and their families.

She lived a life of servitude, always putting her family ahead of her own needs. She was a loving wife and mother, and she will be great missed.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be at Big Creek Cemetery in Soso.

Pallbearers will be Mike Ford, Kenny McCord, David Holifield, Larry Gandy, Milton Gandy, and Justin Upton.

God bless each and everyone.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

8 Big Creek Church Rd.  
Soso, MS 39480

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
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## Service

**MAR 25.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *This is dedicated to my Mother, Joann Hill Upton. 3/22/2022  
Mother, you are one of many bright spots embedded within my  
heart,  
You are my loving and caring mother, you have been from the very  
start.  
There are so many things in life you helped me get through,  
I am so glad you were there,  
you made it special, I love you.  
In life, there are so many things we let pass without a second  
glance,  
This is one of the times that won't though, I'll be wanting a second  
chance.  
You are my mother and I am proud you are,  
You have always been my bright shining star.  
You have never failed to be attentive to everyone's needs,  
A great encourager, making sure all around you succeeds.  
With my dad you have always been a wonderful loving wife,  
You did your utmost to give him a sound and happy life.  
You have always been there for me and my brother,  
You are the greatest, you're like no other.  
I just want to say we love you a lot,  
And you will always be our one bright, shining spot.*

*Composed in Honor and Memory of my Mother, Joann Hill Upton.  
By her son, Charles D Upton, March 22, 2022.  
May she rest in peace.  
I love you Mother.*

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**Charles D Upton** - March 23, 2022 at 08:39 PM

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*Beautifully written, Charles. We love you, David and Candis*

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**David** - March 24, 2022 at 05:26 PM

“ *Memorial for Joann Hill Upton.*

*Mrs. Joann was born in Soso, Mississippi on November 5th, 1939. She is 82 years old.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents James Davis Hill in 1998 and Nettie Mae Stringer Hill in 2008.*

*She was also preceded in death by her sister Lillie Mae Hill Smith McAllister in 2018.*

*She was married on October 24, 1958 to Charles Thomas Upton. He goes by the name of Tom or Tommy. They were married for 63 years.*

*Together they raised 2 wonderful boys, Charles Davis Upton, age 61 and James Robert Upton, age 59.*

*She has 2 grandchildren by her son Charles and his ex-wife Cheryl . Their names are Justin Davis Upton and Amy Lynn Upton Edwards.*

*She has 3 great grand children and another one on the way. The oldest great grandchild is Elaina Upton by her Grandson, Justin and his significant other, Ashley Vaughn. The second in line is Jackson Edwards along with the third in line Marley Edwards and one on the way which is due in September of this year by her Granddaughter, Amy Lynn and her husband Mark Edwards.*

*Other surviving family members are Louis McAllister, her brother-in-law and David Wayne Smith and Paul Douglas Smith, her nephews. They all live in Texas.*

*Mrs. Joann and her husband, Tom are members of New Home Baptist Church.*

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**Charles D Upton** - March 23, 2022 at 08:00 PM