



Jo Ann Wimberly

October 29, 1946 - August 8, 2025

Jo Ann Wimberly, age 78, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2025, at Crown Care Senior Care Home in Wiggins, Mississippi.

Born October 29, 1946, Jo Ann was a lifelong resident of Laurel, Mississippi. She was a devoted educator and cherished member of the community. She dedicated her life to shaping young minds in the Jones County School District, where she taught at Myrick Elementary, Powers Elementary, Glade Elementary, Sandersville Elementary, and the Jones County Learning Center. Her love for children was evident in every classroom she entered, and her impact continues to live on in the countless lives she touched.

A proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Jo Ann was also known for her warm heart, her love of shopping, and her gift for conversation. She never met a stranger and was affectionately known to many as “Nanny Jo” or “Granny.”

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents, William Eli Wimberly and Elsie Lena Ellzey Wimberly; her brother, Howard Wimberly; her brother-in-law, Lafayette Walters; and her beloved granddaughter, Kimberly Sumrall.

She is survived by her two sons, Paul Sumrall (Teresa) and Mark Sumrall (Marla); eleven grandchildren: Kristan Mendez (Dagoberto), Derk Sumrall,

Mallory English (J. D.) Brittany Sumrall, Paullena McMorris (Luke), Cameron Sumrall, Harley Kelly (Jerrid), Levi Sumrall (Taylor), Wyatt Sumrall, Dalton Runnels, and Marleigh Rayner; and twelve great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Edward Wimberly (Joyce); two sisters, Faye Walters and Sue Wimberly; sister-in-law, Judith Ginn; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Myrick Cemetery, with Pastor Danny Stringer officiating. Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi, is entrusted with the arrangements. Pallbearers will be family members.

Jo Ann's legacy of love, laughter, and dedication to others will be remembered always.

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

Cemetery Details

Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ I am very sorry to have read of the passing of Jo Ann. She was a very pleasant lady with a sweet smile. She & I worked in education together. I send my condolences to her family. May our Lord give comfort & peace to all her family & friends that loved her so much.
Shelton & Rhonda Cooley

Rhonda Cooley - August 11, 2025 at 05:53 PM

TB

“ Tanya, Macey, and Jake Bass purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jo Ann Wimberly.



Tanya, Macey, and Jake Bass - August 11, 2025 at 02:38 PM

OF

“ Old River & Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jo Ann Wimberly.



Old River & Families - August 11, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ *The Hernandez, Carson, & White families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Wimberly.*



The Hernandez, Carson, & White families - August 11, 2025 at 08:22 AM

KW

“ *So very sorry to hear of her passing. She and my mom were friends. I always enjoyed visiting with her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Kim Widdershoven - August 11, 2025 at 02:10 AM

CJ

“ *Charlotte Jackson lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Wimberly*



Charlotte Jackson - August 10, 2025 at 11:07 PM

JW

“ *Jacquelyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Wimberly*



Jacquelyn Walters - August 10, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JW

“ Aunt Jo Ann always kept a smile on her face and she loved her family so much. We've shared some sweet conversations over the years and she will be missed. Heaven got a great one. We will miss you greatly and love you always ❤️

Jacquelyn Walters - August 10, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ A beautiful light that this world will greatly miss.



Jeremy Malone - August 10, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ Jerry and Rachelle Freeman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jo Ann Wimberly.



Jerry and Rachelle Freeman - August 09, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JF

“ Jerry and Rachelle Freeman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann Wimberly.

Jerry and Rachelle Freeman - August 09, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JM

“ *Jan pace mjanpace@icloud.com lit a candle
in memory of Jo Ann Wimberly*



Jan pace mjanpace@icloud.com - August 09, 2025 at 07:48 PM