



## Joan Cooley Thompson

May 16, 1940 - July 17, 2025

Joan C. Thompson, 85, of Laurel, MS passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025, in Laurel, MS. She was born on May 16, 1940, in Jones County, MS, to Houston and I.V. Cooley.

Joan loved the Lord and was a beloved member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, where she faithfully served for many years. She spent most of her life, doing what she loved, being a wife and taking care of her children and grandchildren. She was known for the love she had for her family, but it was her husband, Carl, who captured her heart, and no doubt they are celebrating in heaven together.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Gary Thompson, and Jeff Thompson (Natalie) all of Laurel, MS; seven grandchildren, Carla Rounsaville of Ellisville, MS, Jarod Thompson (Holly) of Ellisville, MS, Lindsay Letson (Jared) of Clinton, MS, Lauren Thompson of Laurel, MS, Jamie Walters (Hunter) of Gautier, MS, Nick Baucum of Laurel, MS, Claire Hillman (Noah) of Waynesboro, MS; a host of great-grandchildren, and her sister Shirley Craven (Buddy) of Laurel, MS. Also, very special to her were Clara Bishop and Jackie McAndrews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Carl O. Thompson; her parents, Houston and I.V. Cooley; her sons, Henry (Hank) Thompson, Roger

Thompson, and Victor Thompson; her sisters, Opal Everett, Nell Martin, Billie Holloway; and brothers, Jack Cooley, Olen Cooley, and Thomas Cooley.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, 3100 Audubon Drive, Laurel, MS 39440, on Friday, July 18, 2025, with visitation beginning at 3:00 P.M. and the service following at 3:30 P.M. Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

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

**JUL 18.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Have many fond memories of growing up together with one of the sweetest friends I have known throughout life. Love you and will meet again in heaven.

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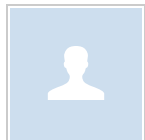
**Julia Dry Mansell** - July 18, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Cooley Thompson.

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July 18, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joan Cooley Thompson.



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