



## Kathleen Ishee Warnock

October 5, 1922 - September 16, 2013

Kathleen Ishee Warnock, October 5, 1922 – September 16, 2013 Kathleen went to be with our Lord at 2:43 am, Monday, September 16, 2013. She led a full and active life that included traveling up the Amazon, exploring the ruins of Machu Picchu and landing a tarpon in Costa Rica. Born in Louin, Mississippi on October 5, 1922, she was one of nine children. After graduating from Louin High School she went to Mississippi College for Women earning a degree in education. She traveled to California to work for the USDA before returning to south Mississippi to work for the Mississippi Power Company as their home economist. It was during that time that she met and was wed to Frank B Warnock. Theirs was a long and loving marriage that saw them travel the country, explore the Mayan ruins of Mexico and dig for fossils in west Texas. Kathleen loved entertaining and her home was always filled with a dinner party, birthday celebration or dessert reception. A long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel, she was dedicated to her Lord and her faith. She was a member of the Three Arts Club, the WMU, the 10-5 Club and several other Laurel civic organizations. Always a lover of adventure, Kathleen canoed the Okotoma, Black Creek and several south Mississippi rivers and creeks. She hiked and camped the Maroon Bells near Aspen, Colorado, toured the River Shannon in Ireland by cabin cruiser, and sailed the Sea of Cortez. She was a long-time teacher in the Laurel City Schools, while her late husband, Dr. Frank B Warnock served as the Superintendent. Kathleen will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, strong Christian, and an

outgoing, vivacious, yet polite, southern woman. She is survived by her two sons, Kirby, and wife Diann, and Miles Warnock, and wife, Venessa, both of Dallas, Texas, and five grandchildren, Travis, Roland, Hallie, Maya and Hunter, also of Dallas as well as numerous nieces and nephews in south Mississippi and Montgomery, Alabama. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Laurel on Wednesday, September 18 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am. Burial will be in Fort Stockton, Texas, where she will be laid beside her husband Frank, on Saturday, September 21, with a graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in her name to Mississippi University for Women or the Fort Stockton Historical Society.

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy at this time of loss. May God be with you.

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**Dr. Ken Grafton** - October 09, 2013 at 09:51 AM

SK

“ Our love and prayers are with you during this time. We have such fond memories of Kathleen and Frank. We were so blessed to know them. Dr. and Mrs. Jim Keith

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**Saundra Keith** - September 22, 2013 at 03:28 PM

CP

“ Kirby, When you and your family moved to Laurel you moved next door to my family on 32nd Street. I remember what a beautiful and "poised" woman your Mother was. She was the perfect example of a "fine southern woman", and in fact, I remember telling my mother, "I want to be like Mrs. Warnock when I grow up". I know she will be truly missed by you, your brother and your families, but know that she certainly left her mark on this earth and you will see her again someday.

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**Cindi Holifield Pippen** - September 18, 2013 at 11:47 AM

BS

“ Kathleen Ishee Warnock

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**Beverly Shumaker** - September 18, 2013 at 10:34 AM

JK

“ Kirby and Miles:  
*Please know how much it meant to me to know your mother and father, two of the most wonderful and unique people I have ever known. This world is less today because they both are no longer with us, but I and so many others are better because both are still within us. Thank you for sharing your wonderful parents with us. Now, God, enjoy them as they are united with each other again.*

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**Jim Keith** - September 17, 2013 at 04:35 PM

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“ *You are all in our hearts.*

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**Anne Myrick** - September 17, 2013 at 03:01 PM

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“ *Kirby and Miles, we are thinking of you and your family at the loss of your mother, Kathleen. We thought so much of both her and Frank. We all worked together for many years for the advancement of education in Jones County. Kathleen and I were in Delta Kappa Gamma together. The last time I saw her was when she had surgery at Wesley Medical and we had a good visit. With Love, Martha and Terrell Tisdale (President Emeritus of JCJC)*

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**Terrell Tisdale** - September 16, 2013 at 07:41 PM

LS

“ *Kathleen was an extended member of the Melvin family--one of my Mom and Dad's best friends. And as the years progressed, she became one of MY best friends.*

*It was always a highlight of my trips to Laurel to visit with Kathleen. She was so interested in the world around her. Every time we visited, she was always full of joy, full of stories--and very content. Always smiling. She embodied a life well lived.*

*She loved Dr. Warnock, her children, grandchildren, church and friends so very, very much.*

*I will miss her terribly.*

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**Leslie Melvin Scott** - September 16, 2013 at 04:50 PM