



Laurie Howard Holifield

February 15, 1974 - December 5, 2020

Laurie Dawn Howard Holifield passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at University Medical Center following a brief illness.

Laurie grew up in the Myrick Community, and graduated from Northeast Jones High School and the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught math at East Jones Elementary for several years, and she was later a tutor and substitute teacher at East Jones Elementary, Northeast Jones High School, and West Jones High School. She was a member of Mill Creek Church.

Laurie was preceded in death by her grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Howard, and by her uncle, James "Tater" Howard.

Laurie is survived by her husband, Kent Holifield; her daughter, Harley Dawn Perdue; her parents, Mike and Karen Howard; her sister, Katie Toombs; her niece, Taylor Bynum (Auston); her nephew, Jake Toombs; and her great-niece, Braelyn Bynum. Other survivors include her uncles, Randy Stevens (Theresa) and Wayne Howard (Sophronia), and her aunt, LaDonna White, as well as numerous cousins and other relatives.

Laurie is also survived by her parents-in-law, Kenney and Kathy Holifield; her sister- and brother-in-law, Karen and Marshall Fitzgerald and their children,

Mason and Lena Kate.

Burial was at Tuckers Crossing Baptist Church with a private graveside service officiated by Eddie Bryant and Bill Myers. Pallbearers were Billy Bourg, Cody Brooks, Kyle Brooks, Landon Howard, Jeremy Parker, and Mike Tisdale. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Howard and Randy Stevens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends consider donations to Glory House Global Outreach, 803 N. 2nd Avenue, Laurel, MS 39440 or The Choices Clinic of Laurel, 115 S. Magnolia Street, Laurel, MS 39440.

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

Tribute Wall

KR

“ I just heard this weekend and was absolutely stunned. Laurie, you were a wonderful person and I can't believe you're gone. Praying for your loved ones, Kyle Reynolds

Kyle Reynolds - December 14, 2020 at 05:54 PM

VH

“ So sorry to hear about Laurie. Mike and Karen, our prayers are with you and the family during this time. Praying for the Father's comfort. Love you always, Vanessa Hodge

Vanessa Hodge - December 10, 2020 at 02:43 PM

RC

“ To all of Laurie's family, we are all so sorry & saddened to have heard of Laurie's passing...I first came to know of Laurie when she & my oldest son, Scott, were in school & graduated together...then I later worked with her at EJE elementary...such a pretty, kind & sweet lady...all of you have been so much in my thoughts & prayers of comfort & peace...Harley, especially thinking of you. Love, Shelton & Rhonda Cooley & Family

Rhonda Cooley - December 10, 2020 at 12:34 PM

SC

“ Gary and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of Laurie. Karen and Mike we will remember y'all in our prayers. Please know that we love y'all dearly and know that God will hold you closer during this time. Gary and Sandy Collins

Sandy Colljns - December 09, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Laurie Howard Holifield.*



December 08, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *On behalf of the Willard Rose Family, I want you to know how sorry we are for the loss of Laurie. We will pray for God to provide comfort as only He can. Know how much you are loved by our family. In deepest sympathy, Richard.*

Richard Rose - December 08, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Praying for God's loving hand to carry you in the days ahead and give all of you strength. We love you and we care. Larry and Diann.*

Diann Walters - December 08, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Our heart is so broken & sad for all of you for the loss of your beautiful Laurie!
Karen, I remember Laurie's birth like it was yesterday and such a beautiful memory! Your family will always seem like part of mine!
To our dear NEJ friends, Karen, Mike, Kenny, & Kathy, we are praying for all of you and your families!
We love you all!
Tony & Debbie Rose Pitts
And all the Rose family*

Deborah Rose Pitts - December 08, 2020 at 02:38 PM

WH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God wrap each of you in his comforting loving arms. I remember Laurie as the sweetest soft spoken little girl and as a beautiful teenager. She will be missed by so many. Cherish the memories that keep her alive in your hearts.

Sherman and Wanda Harrison

Wanda Harrison - December 08, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of dear, sweet Laurie. She always had a smile on her face and a giggle or two to share during our days at EJE. She will be greatly missed. Praying God will grant you comfort and peace all the days to come.

*Sincerely,
Teresa Bush*

Teresa. Bush - December 08, 2020 at 11:28 AM

KH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of sweet Laurie. Our hearts are breaking for all of you, and we will continue to remember you in our prayers. Praying that God will give you peace now and in the days to come.

*Love,
Butch and Kathy Hinshaw*

Kathy Hinshaw - December 07, 2020 at 07:38 PM

BH

“ *Britt Burrell and Brent Moses - B.I. Animal Health purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Laurie Howard Holifield.*



Britt Burrell and Brent Moses - B.I. Animal Health - December 07, 2020 at 05:09 PM

AR

“ *So sorry to hear of Laurie's passing. She was such a sweet and kind person and will be greatly missed. Praying for the entire family.*

Angela, David & April Rudolph

Angela Rudolph - December 07, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, relatives and friends during this sad time. My heart is broken for all of you. I knew Laurie from NEJ during the time my own two children were in school there (Nathan and Holly Reid). She was so sweet and beautiful. My kids thought so much of her. You're all in my prayers. Love, Rita (McGill) Hoffman*

Rita Hoffman - December 06, 2020 at 06:43 PM

NJ

“ *So very very sorry to hear of Lauries passing. Karen and I worked together when Laurie was in school and I remember going to a beauty pageant that she was in in high school. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family . With love and prayers Nancy Jernigan*

Nanxy Jernigan - December 06, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CN

“ Laurie and I met when we were both in elementary school. She and her family attended the church my daddy pastored on the coast of MS and then later when both of our families lived in Laurel, we were in church and school together again. She was such a sweet person. I know she will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Prayers are going up for all of her family.

Cheryl Davis Nelson

Cheryl Nelson - December 06, 2020 at 12:12 PM

NW

Laurie and I taught together at East Jones. She was a special, sweet person. I will be praying for Kent and Harliegh at this sad time. Nancy Landrum Walters

Nancy Landrum Walters - December 08, 2020 at 03:45 PM