



## Linda Woods Yowell

December 20, 1947 - January 12, 2023

Linda W. Yowell, 75, of Laurel, Mississippi died, Thursday, January 12, 2023. Born in Laurel, she was a graduate of Ellisville High School and Jones Junior College. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and her Master of Science degree from William Carey University.

Visitation will be Monday morning, January 16, from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. with funeral services at 10:00 a.m. all at Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel. Graveside services will follow at the Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in the Landrum Community.

Linda is survived by the love of her life, John W. Yowell, with whom she was married almost 54 years. She is also survived by son, Johnathan W. Yowell (Tam), and granddaughters, Baleigh Yowell and Harper Yowell, all of Madison, MS who brought her great joy and happiness in life. Other survivors include her sister, Margaret Busby (Jack), and special sister-in-law, Joyce Webb (Jerry) and various other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Ray and Betty Sue Landrum, of the Landrum Community.

Linda taught for 34.5 years in the Jones County School District with most of those years at Shady Grove Elementary School. She greatly loved teaching

and was sad when health issues forced her to retire. Linda also loved perusing cook books and trying new recipes and was an avid reader. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with John and her children and grandchildren.

Linda was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Good Hope Cemetery

2304 Hwy 15 South  
Ovett, MS 39464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 9:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
35 Trinity Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
35 Trinity Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall



“ Where do I begin.... Ms Linda was my favorite teacher, my inspiration to learn math, my only reason I could stay a whole day at school in the first grade... I LOVED HER DEARLY... ! I'm lucky to say I got to tell her not long ago how much she meant to me. It seemed like for some reason our path has crossed more in the past few months than it did in all the 50 years I've known her. It was like God was letting me visit with her before she went to Heaven in my heart. I know she had her bluff in on a lot of kids in school but not me... I saw right thru it and I know she loved me too. She will be greatly missed and I know her husband John and her son Johnathon will dearly miss her. PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU AS WE MOURN THE PASSING OF MY SWEET LINDA YOWELL... peace be with you and you will always have a special place in my heart ❤️ 🙏

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**Kim Maslanka** - January 17, 2023 at 10:53 PM

“ I taught with Linda for fourteen years at Shady Grove. I will always remember her. I am so sorry to hear of her death.

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**Gay Beth Houston Kelley** - January 14, 2023 at 07:46 PM

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“ Linda you were a wonderful teacher and a wonderful wife, mother, and friend. I didn't get to know Jonathan's wife or your grandchildren but I know you loved them beyond measure. Our days at Shady Grove will never be forgotten. The one thing I will never forget is the flowers you and Geri sent when my mother died. That was back in 1983. That meant so much to me. Your family will miss you so much and your space in their life will now be pleasant memories until everyone is together again. Rest in God's warm love and know all is well.

*Charmaine Dillon and Nathan Dillon*

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**Charmaine Dillon** - January 14, 2023 at 01:24 PM

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“ She was my first grade teacher back in 1971 she made going to fun didn't miss a day but after the first grade I hated school she wil be missed Rip

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**Wayne Tolbert** - January 13, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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“ I never had Mrs. Yowell for a teacher, although I attended Shady Grove Elementary but for some reason I was "afraid" of her. That certainly changed after the day my cat ran out in front of her as she was driving past where I lived. She stopped, got the cat, quickly checked with my mother, put me and the cat in her car and off to the vet we went. The cat didn't make it. I don't know who cried harder between the two of us. That was my last year at Shady Grove ('71) and I didn't often see Mrs. Yowell until my children were born and my son actually had her as a teacher. (She seemed to rather dote on him if I have to say so.) Each time I did see her though, there were always warm greetings and we would readily reconnect. She even made it a point in the last couple of years to stop by my office whenever she was in the hospital and visit. I am so thankful for those visits, especially now. A special bond had been formed all those years ago that was never forgotten. I could probably have started calling her Linda in these last several years since I'm definitely old enough but out of loving respect, I always called her Mrs. Yowell. So with that loving respect I will say, thank you Mrs. Yowell for the opportunity to have known the warm, caring lady that you were. You will always have a special place in my heart and memories. Jencie Moss.

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**Jencie Moss** - January 13, 2023 at 10:54 AM