



## Margaret Sumrall Dillard

October 19, 1937 - December 28, 2015

Margaret Sumrall Dillard passed away peacefully December 28, 2015 at her mother's home on Euclid Avenue, where she has lived since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Margaret was a lifelong Laurelite. Born on October 19, 1937 to O'Dell and J. Noel Sumrall, she grew up on Second Avenue in Laurel. From the start, she was treasured for her gentility, kindness and tenderhearted nature. She loved to read, laugh and surprise those she loved with her skillet cookies or "a happy" – the phrase she coined for a little gift given for no particular reason. In her work as a lab tech and later, as a social worker, Margaret's insight and empathy enabled her to help many people. Her faith served as her guiding light and the two churches in her life – The First United Methodist Church and later, The First Baptist Church – gave her strength and a community that she treasured.

For Margaret, her family held a place in her heart like no other. She was married for 35 years to the late Bobby C. Dillard and their two sons, Mark and David, were the light of her life. During the last decade, as she battled Parkinson's, the caregivers who saw her through this difficult time became an important part of her treasured family. The family is truly grateful for the skillful and loving care that Margaret received throughout her long illness.

She is survived by her beloved mother, O'Dell Sumrall, her sons Mark (Susan) and David Dillard, her brothers John (Suzy) and Jim Sumrall (Linda) and her sister, Merris Sumrall along with two nephews, a niece, a great niece and a

great nephew.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 2nd at 2:00 P.M. at Memory Chapel in Laurel with burial at Lake Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Pallbearers will be John Sumrall, Mark Dillard, David Dillard, Roger Sumrall, Noel Sumrall and Stan Herrington.

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

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of grief.*

-----  
**Marilyn Grafton Seymour** - January 03, 2016 at 11:56 PM

MH

“ *I am deeply sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She was a dear and sweet friend. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

-----  
**Marion Russell House** - January 03, 2016 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ *Remembering Margaret, like Her Mother, Lovingly....and with Heart-felt Sympathy, to Odell, Mark, David and Family....God Bless You All.....IN Love and Prayers!!!*

-----  
**Charles Hudson** - January 02, 2016 at 04:39 PM

JP

“ *One of the sweetest*

-----  
**Johnnie parish** - December 30, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JG

“ *David and Mark,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this difficult time.  
Remember all the wonderful memories with your Mother.*

-----  
**Janet Drennan Grayson** - December 30, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SB

“ *Remembering your family today in prayer Sharon Barham*

-----  
**Sharon Barham** - December 30, 2015 at 12:23 PM