



Margaret Geraldine Lightsey

November 2, 1934 - November 18, 2024

Margaret Geraldine Lightsey of Laurel, MS, passed from this life into the hands of God on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the age of 90. She was born and raised in Laurel to Andrew Austin and Troy W. Austin.

She was a member of Magnolia Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Laurel Shrine Club and the women's auxiliary. She was a true Southern Belle and had open arms for all and was loved enormously by all who knew her. An amazing and loving wife, mother, and grandmother, she was a gem, adored by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, B. L. Blackledge, Jr.; her beloved late husband, Alfred E. Lightsey; her parents, Andrew and Troy Austin; her sisters, Ludell Smith, Lola Austin, and Betty Oswalt; and her granddaughter, Sara Blackledge.

Geraldine is survived by her sister, Carolyn Suggs; her sons, Bennie L. Blackledge III and his wife, Sandi and Michael Blackledge and his wife, Nodie; her daughters Tonya Hebert and her husband, Robert and Tammy Overstreet; and a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to Cari Sims who lovingly cared for both Alfred and Geraldine. We appreciate you very much.

Visitation and funeral services are as follows: Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. visitation at Memory Chapel in Laurel. Friday, November 22, 2024 at 2 p.m. will be the funeral service officiated by Brother Billy Dowdy at Memory Chapel with a graveside service at Hickory Grove Cemetery immediately following.

Jason Hebert, Jared Garner, Zach Foster, Dylan Foster, Todd Odell, and Scott Ethridge will be serving as pallbearers. Chase Castleschouldt and Terry Jackson will serve as honorary pallbearers.

We love you to the moon and back you "Lucky Devil" and don't you ever forget it. Everyone's love is enough, nothing more is required.

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

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ Bill and DeDe Ward purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Geraldine Lightsey.



Bill and DeDe Ward - November 21, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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“ Bill and DeDe Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Geraldine Lightsey.

Bill and DeDe Ward - November 21, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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“ God Bless My sweet lifelong friend.
You were a sweetheart ❤️
I love ❤️ You. I do know your in heaven now.



William Hurst - November 21, 2024 at 02:17 PM

SB

“ Sandra Blackledge lit a candle in memory of Margaret Geraldine Lightsey



Sandra Blackledge - November 20, 2024 at 03:25 PM