



Marilyn Yvonne Watson

October 10, 1938 - July 4, 2021

Marilyn Yvonne Watson declared her freedom from the bondage of sin, suffering, and pain on July 4, 2021. She died in her sleep, surrounded by family and close friends at South Central Regional Medical Center.

She was born October 10, 1938, to Nonnie M. and Elma Lewis Busby of the Myrick Community and attended Myrick Elementary and Ellisville High School, graduating in 1956.

While attending Jones County Community College, she began working at Sears Roebuck in Laurel. Upon graduation from Jones, she worked at Sears for 36 years, retiring as the Chief Operating Officer after the Laurel store closed in 1996.

When Yvonne's family moved to Laurel in 1956, she became a member of West Laurel Baptist Church, where she served faithfully until her illness prevented her from attending on a regular basis.

Even as she was mostly confined to home, she continued to serve her Lord by sending cards and letters to those who were ill or who had lost loved ones and making many phone calls to offer encouragement. Her deepest desire was to see all her family become true followers of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Tommy, and her sister Frances Gaye Walters (Lavern).

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Joseph E. Watson, daughter and caregiver Marilyn Gaye Klaus (John), grandsons Thomas P. Watson (Karen), Zachary Klaus (Samantha), and Tyler Klaus (Madison), great granddaughters, Paisley and Macie Gray Klaus, niece Jennifer Walters Stroud (Randy), and her beloved sister in law Betty Watson Henderson (Renay).

Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday July 7, 2021 at Hickory Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home.

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

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“I worked with Yvonne at Sears in Laure for over 25 years and she was a blessing to that

store and it's employees. Joe, I know you are missing her every day and I have empathy

for you.

Edward Walker

Edward Walker - July 08, 2021 at 02:26 PM

LI

“I am so sad to learn of the passing of Ms. Yvonne. I worked with her at Sears in the early 70s and have many happy memories of our time at Plainway when Brother Joe was our Minister of Music. They both were such a positive influence on my life. Our thoughts and prayers are with this precious family.

Larry Ishee - July 08, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AW

“So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.

Yvonne was a sweet lady to everyone.

Amy Williams - July 07, 2021 at 08:26 PM

SE

“ Sympathy and prayers for Joe, Betty and all of family in the loss of their beloved Yvonne! Although she was younger than I, I remember her from high school and college!
Sarah Entrekin

Sarah Entrekin - July 07, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Judy Pilgrim - July 07, 2021 at 03:48 PM

WK

“ We are saddened to hear that Yvonne got her angel wings. We are praying for you.

Dale and Trisha

W. Dale Keyes - July 07, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JB

Sorry for your loss of Yvonne, praying for you Joe.. Jimmy Bullock

Jimmy Bullock - July 07, 2021 at 08:01 PM