



## Mary Catherine Bumpus

February 9, 1952 - March 13, 2023

Mary Catherine (Kay) Bumpus “Cathy”, age 71, of Sharon, MS, passed away surrounded by her family on March 13, 2023 at SCRMC.

Cathy was born February 9, 1952 to Paul and Margaret Kay in Laurel, MS. She attended West Jones High School and graduated in 1970. She earned her bachelor’s degree in education from The University of Southern Miss and taught special education most of her 30+ years of teaching.

She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, William O’Neal Bumpus, Sr. “Bill”, of Sharon, her three children, William O’Neal Bumpus, Jr. “Neal” (Maegan) of Brandon, MS, Christopher Paul Bumpus of Ellisville, MS, and Lydia Michelle Walters (Casey) of Moselle, MS. She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Jones, of Ellisville, MS, and 8 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The visitation will be held at Trinity Baptist Church on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held immediately after at 3:00 p.m. Burial will be at Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Laurel Christian Food Services.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery

5850 Hwy 84 West  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
35 Trinity Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

MAR 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
35 Trinity Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ You taught my son Richard Randall, in special Ed. @ South Jones. You were more than a teacher. Mrs. Bumpus you were a true friend not only to my son, but to me as well. I shall not forget when I had major surgery in Jackson, Ms how you came to the house after I had came home and sat by my bedside and talked with me. The book you brought me was a great read. I remember thinking you had great taste in books! We remember that you and Mr. Bill bought Richard clothes and shoes for the senior year program. We thanked you then and I thank you now. You were called Teacher but I called you Friend.

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**Charlotte Maxcey** - April 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM

GJ

“ Oh my I am just seeing this. I Always enjoyed talking with Cathy and hearing her teach in Sunday school. Praying for this family. She loved you all and was so proud of those grand babies. I remember how excited she was to become a grandma.

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**Gelinda Johnson** - March 26, 2023 at 10:01 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Cathy...I worked with her when we were at Sandersville Elem. several years ago...she was a very sweet & thoughtful person...I remember she was my Sunshine Friend one year & I still have the nice little "happies" she gave me throughout that year to bring sunshine & smiles. I will always remember her.

Love,  
Rhonda Cooley

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**Shelton & Rhonda Cooley** - March 17, 2023 at 07:23 PM

HV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family from Reba & Holly Varner. & Sarah Varner Johnson & family.. May God bring you peace & comfort now & in the days to come

Holly Varner - March 16, 2023 at 06:01 AM

MP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady and I know she'll be missed.  
Martha Parker

Martha L Parker - March 15, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine Bumpus.



March 15, 2023 at 12:35 PM

AW

“ Cathy will be remembered as a very kind person. So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and peace during these days.

Amy and Phil Williams - March 15, 2023 at 10:31 AM

AB

“ Praying for the family !!!



Amanda Braswell - March 15, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DM

*Cathy was a very special friend and neighbor for many years. Praying for each one of you!!!*

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**Diann McCoskey** - March 15, 2023 at 03:59 PM

PG

“ *I know that her beautiful smile will be missed. I never saw her that she didn't have a smile on her face and wonderful things to say about Bill and all of her kids and grands. She was so proud of all of you. God Bless each of you.*

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**Paula Collins Graham** - March 15, 2023 at 09:51 AM

TK

“ *Cathy was the first person I met at Northwest Jones. We were in the 8th grade. She was the friendliest person, sweet and always happy. My heart is sad to realize that this lovely person is no longer with us. What a lovely Angel she has become! Praying for her family and closest friends.  
May the Lord bless and comfort you in Christ Jesus' love. From Terry Keith, class of 1970, West Jones.*

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**Terry Keith** - March 15, 2023 at 09:50 AM

MS

“ *I grew up with Cathy at FUMC In Laurel; we were teenagers together at school and church. As we grew up, our lives weaved in and out, occasionally meeting, then drifting apart. Cathy was a kind, loving woman; I was always glad to see and visit with her. I'm so very sorry she is gone, and will pray for her family.*

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**Missy Sanderson** - March 15, 2023 at 07:51 AM

ND

*So sorry to hear this! Another great friend gone to her Heavenly Home! Kathy was a great person, she will be missed ! Praying for her family and friends! 🙏🙏❤️❤️*

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**Nitha DeLoach** - March 15, 2023 at 03:53 PM

MP

*I met Kathy at water aerobics. What a wonderful person, always ready to help whom ever needed help. So sorry for your loss, Bill and family.*

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**Missie Pitts** - March 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM