



## Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers

December 18, 1930 - March 24, 2025

Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers, 94, of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away peacefully in Stephenville, Texas, on March 24, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Ellisville, Mississippi, to Otis and Mary Ekes, Jacqueline spent her life nurturing the emotional well-being of others. She earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and later completed a Master of Science degree. She devoted over 35 years to the Laurel City Schools, primarily as a guidance counselor, where she was known for her extraordinary empathy and unwavering support of students — especially those facing challenges at home.

Jacqueline had deep interest in the inner lives of others. Whether sitting beside a stranger on a plane or welcoming a neighbor into her kitchen, she made people feel seen and heard. Her presence was steady, thoughtful, and profoundly kind. Her sense of delight in others and their quirks, her sense of humor and fun made her a gift to many and will be deeply missed.

She was first married to David Toler, and from that marriage came two sons, Owen and David. In 1969, she married Jim Meyers, who raised her boys — Owen, David, and Jason — with warmth and devotion. Jacqueline and Jim shared 40 years of marriage until his passing in 2009.

In her later years, Jacqueline remained deeply engaged with her family, including her daughter-in-law Kimberly and especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed regular visits from David and her grandson Nicholas and spent long, cherished stretches in Virginia with Jason, Kimberly, and grandchildren, Maelen and Michael. She was a grounding force in all of their lives. She was a lifelong Baptist whose faith was expressed most clearly through her love and care for others.

Jacqueline was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her parents, Otis and Mary; and her sisters, Helen and Carol. She is survived by her sons, Owen, David, and Jason; her daughters-in-law Kimberly and Ginny; her grandchildren Caroline, Graham, Nicholas, Maelen, and Michael; her great-grandchildren Montgomery and Mickey Sue; and her niece and nephew, Gianna and Richard.

A visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, March 28, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow on Saturday, March 29, at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Laurel, with a brief graveside service at Ellisville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Christian Food Mission in Laurel, in honor of Jacqueline's lifelong commitment to listening, caring, and helping others find their way.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Ellisville Cemetery

Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South  
Ellisville, MS 39437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

GA

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mary Jack's passing. She was a very special lady, always ready to lend an ear, a shoulder, etc. A great cousin. Rest in peace.

Gayle Albano - March 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM

GA

“ Gayle Albano lit a candle in memory of Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers



Gayle Albano - March 30, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KH

“ For over 25 years, I worked side by side with this precious and loving lady. She was a special friend and mentor to me for all of those years. We shared our thoughts and feelings with each other so many times. As a guidance counselor, she ALWAYS made every student she dealt with feel important, loved and needed. She will hold a special place in my heart.

*Sending prayers to Owen, David, Jason and family.*

Kent Headrick - March 29, 2025 at 04:03 PM

BC

*I am writing to second Coach Headrick's sentiments about Ms. Meyers. I write "Ms." because when she began to mean so much to me in 7th grade, that's what my young self called her. She was the ear I needed at that time. As a grown man now, I will admit that I may have faked some issues to get out of class, and used "I need to speak to Ms. Meyers" as an excuse. She saw through it, through to issues that really existed that I needed help with. Reasons why I would lie to get to her office. I will never forget what an angel she was. She set the bar for guidance counselors, and I am so blessed to have been a recipient of her gift.*

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**Benjamin Casey** - March 31, 2025 at 12:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers.*



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March 29, 2025 at 01:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers.

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March 29, 2025 at 01:35 AM

SC

“ Jason,

*We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a kind and loving presence in our adolescent lives, and we will always be grateful for the care and love she showed us growing up. She wasn't just your mother—she was like a second mom to all of us, and her kindness left a lasting impact on all of our lives.*

*We wish more than anything that we could be there with you during this difficult time. Please know that we are here for you, just as she was always there for us.*

*Sending you all our love and deepest condolences.*

*Shad, RJ, Buck, and Moe*

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**Shad Chung** - March 29, 2025 at 01:29 AM

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*With love and deepest condolences,*

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**Shad Chung** - March 29, 2025 at 01:07 AM

LH

“ I worked in the Laurel School District with Jackie; first at Maddox Jr. High and later at Gardiner. I was the school secretary and worked closely along side her in the office.

She was one of the most influential people in my life through hard times. We shared a very close friendship. She was a person I appreciated so much and a role model for who I strived to be. When she loved, she loved with her whole heart. What a blessing she was to my life and the lives of so many others. 🙏🕊️

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**Lisa Hodge Hinton** - March 27, 2025 at 05:02 PM

DR

“ Don (Joe) and Elaine Rose purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Jacqueline Ekes Meyers.



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**Don (Joe) and Elaine Rose** - March 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JD

“ Owen, David and Jason and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May the love of God embrace you and hold you close to his heart. Johnny Davis

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**Johnny Davis** - March 26, 2025 at 09:06 AM