



Mary Jo Gauthreaux Childress

February 5, 1950 - December 23, 2018

Mary Jo Gauthreaux Childress, 68, of Laurel passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2018, and is in the arms of Jesus after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Mrs. Childress was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Laurel where she served as a Sunday School teacher and Bible Drill leader for many years. She adored children and was a teacher for Jones County School District's Star Reach Program. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph E. Gauthreaux of Biloxi, and her grandparents John and Mary Gates of Pensacola, FL, and Joseph and Theresa Gauthreaux of Biloxi. She is survived by her loving husband, David Childress of Laurel; her two daughters, Molly (Carson) Humphries of Richardson, TX, and Mary Katherine "Katie" Childress of New York, NY; her mother, Mary Helena (Gates) Gauthreaux of Biloxi; her sister Nancy (Jim) Pledger of Natchitoches, LA; and four grandchildren, Hannah, Lydi Kate, Wiley, and Ellis Humphries.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Wednesday,

December, 26, 2018, followed by services at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m.

in Mendenhall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church Foundation of Laurel, Inc.

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P.O. Box 4452

Laurel, MS 39441-4452

Cemetery Details

Mendenhall City Cemetery

469 E Court Ave
Mendenhall, MS 39114

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl's Classic Large Dessert Tray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gauthreaux Childress.



December 26, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gauthreaux Childress.



December 26, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ Mary Jo was a delight to be around. I'm so thankful that my children had her as a teacher at Star Reach. David was such a supportive spouse caring for Mary Jo. May she now enjoy healing through Christ her Savior. God bless you family. Cindy Williamson

Cindy Williamson - December 26, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We first met Mary Jo at First Baptist Church in Biloxi, MS while living there. And then our paths crossed again at First Baptist Church Laurel, MS. Please give the family our love.
John & Annette Drennan
Brandon, MS

Annette Drennan - December 25, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ *David, Molly and Katie,
Prayers and love to you in the loss of Mary Jo. I have such fond memories of our Sunday School days together. May your find comfort in the days ahead that Mary Jo is heathy and home. Love, Sharon*

Sharon Barham - December 25, 2018 at 06:57 PM



“ *David and girls I'm so sad to hear of your loss. Mary Jo was a precious little lady. May you find peace and comfort that only God can provide.*

Lisa Boswell - December 25, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ *Mary Jo was such a beautiful, strong and committed classmate. I know she will be missed by her close friends and family.*

Betty OBrian - December 24, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ *We watched Mary Jo grow up and become a beautiful lady. She was very important to the youth program at FBC Biloxi . She will always hold a special place in our hearts. Faye and Jimmy Taylor*

Faye and Jimmy taylor - December 24, 2018 at 02:12 PM