



## Mary Louise Rowell Smith

June 30, 1937 - March 2, 2025

Mary Louise Rowell Smith, 87, was born June 30, 1937 to Oscar David and Maude Elizabeth Rowell in Hattiesburg, MS. She passed from this life into her Heavenly home on March 2, 2025 at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Visitation and service will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at West Laurel Baptist Church, 1400 West Fifth Street, Laurel, MS; visitation will begin at 10:00 am with service following at 11:00 am. Burial will immediately follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Services will be officiated by Kyle Warren and Matt Olson. Memory Chapel Funeral Home of Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Louise worked at Masonite for many years. After retiring, she kept many children in her home and also served faithfully in the nursery at West Laurel Baptist Church where she was a member. She loved shopping and was always up for a good bargain. She also loved angels and had many decorating her home and many pieces of angel jewelry.

Mary Louise was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years, Donald Smith, with whom she is now reunited; her parents; her aunt and uncle who raised her, P.W. and Myra Acree; as well as her siblings, Donna Terry, James Rowell, Jimmy Rowell, and Ida Mae Johnson.

She is survived by her children Kirk (Diane) Smith, Sharon Smith (Jim) Knight,

and Kevin Smith. She is also survived by grandchildren Brynn (Jonathan) Strickler, Chad (Terri) Knight, Brooke (Kyle) Warren, Morgan (Daniel) Coats, Shekinah Smith and Nashua Smith; great-grandchildren Jon Daniel Strickler, Charli Kate Warren, Joseph, Eleanora, Sarah and Lois Coats, and Raquell and Ricky Davis III.

Pallbearers will be Jim Knight, Jonathan Strickler, Kyle Warren, Chad Knight, Daniel Coats, Randy Smith, Jon Daniel Strickler and Joseph Coats.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mary Louise's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

West Laurel Baptist Church  
1400 W 5th St  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Laurel Baptist Church  
1400 W 5th St  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Charlotte Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rowell Smith*



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**Charlotte Jackson** - March 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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“ *PRAYERS* 🙏🙏

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**Charlotte Jackson** - March 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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“ *Dear family of Mary, Through the years I have had many encounters with your mother & grandmother. Her bright countenance and service to Christ was an inspiration to me. She will be missed! prayers, Sharon Barham*

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**SHARON BARham** - March 04, 2025 at 09:48 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends. She was such a sweet lady. I know she will be greatly missed.*

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**Amy Williams** - March 04, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rowell Smith.



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March 04, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Diane Knight McCurley purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Louise Rowell Smith.



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**Diane Knight McCurley** - March 03, 2025 at 02:30 PM