



## Mary Nell Jones Boyd

November 4, 1921 - April 13, 2016

Mary Nell Jones Boyd of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away at the age of 94 in her home in Laurel, Mississippi, on April 13, 2016. The funeral will be held at the First-Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. and visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in Lake Park Cemetery. Rev. Luke Ponder will officiate.

Mary Nell was born in Opp, Alabama, on November 4, 1921, to Willis Fulton Jones and Pearl Meadows Jones. She attended the Opp City Schools and upon graduating attended the Massey Business School in Birmingham, Alabama. During World War II, she worked for the Commanding Officer at Craig Field, United States Army Air Corps in Selma, Alabama. There she met her future husband, 1st Lt. William S. Boyd, Jr. of Laurel, Mississippi. They married at the Chapel at Craig Field on October 4, 1944. Her husband, who was an attorney in Laurel, preceded her in death in 1968.

Mary Nell was active in Laurel Civic Affairs for many years having served as President of the Laurel Junior Auxiliary, the First-Trinity Presbyterian Church where she was the first female elder and remained quite active in church affairs during later years, the Board of Directors at the Laurel Country Club where again she was elected as the first female to said board, and the Lauren Rogers Museum. She was a avid traveler through her association with Associated Travel formerly of Laurel.

A son and a daughter survive her together with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: William S. Boyd, III, of Laurel, and Ruth Boyd Mears and

her husband, T. Anderson Mears, of Birmingham, Alabama. Her six grandchildren are, Mary Alice Kline, and her husband, Adam P. Kline, both of Birmingham, Alabama, William S. Boyd, IV, of Laurel, Forrest A. Boyd of Laurel, Katherine M. Beshear of New York, New York, Lillian C. Mears of Birmingham, and Elizabeth Mears of Denver, Colorado. She has two great-grand children: Madeline Kline and Isabella Kline.

Donations would be preferred to the First Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5th Ave. and Sawmill Road, Laurel, Mississippi 39440.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Park Cemetery

1303 Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Trinity Presbyterian Church  
500 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up with Mary Nell next door my whole life, I can honestly say she was one great, classy southern lady. She was gracious, kind, and I am saddened that she will no longer grace this earth. Love to the whole family. She will be missed.  
*Janie Traylor-Collins*

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**Janie Traylor-Collins** - April 19, 2016 at 08:30 AM

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“ MY PRAYES GO OUT TO BILL AND RUTHIE AND THERE FAMILIES. AUNT MARY NELL WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND WILL BE TRUELY MISSED BY EVERYONE. CATHERINE ROBINSON WINBORNE AND FAMILY



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**CATHERINE WINBORNE** - April 17, 2016 at 10:36 AM