



Mavis Parker Swanberg

January 23, 1930 - August 21, 2023

Mavis P. Swanberg, 93, of Laurel, went to her heavenly home after a long and fruitful life on August 21, 2023. Mavis was born on January 23, 1930 in Jones County. She was a much loved and respected mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a dear friend to many.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents Horace and Gladys Griffin Pitts, siblings Harold Pitts, Horace Lavern Pitts, Henrietta Noah, Iva Mae Willis, Jimmy Dale Pitts, an infant daughter, her first husband, W. T. Parker, and her second husband, Don Swanberg.

Mavis is survived by her sons, Thomas D. "Tommy" Parker (Peggy), William Bart Parker (Cindy), grandsons, Jeremy Parker (Tori), Aaron Parker (Jessica), Dr. Will Parker (Robin), Dr. Adam Parker (Alisha) and Dr. Andy Parker (Kerry), stepson, Eric Swanberg (Teresa, and their son Dane), Glen Pitts (Edna) and her 11 great-grandchildren, who were her pride and joy, Weston, Finley, Patton, Jackson, Elyse, Gracie, Piper, Beau, Emory, Millie, and Caroline. She will be greatly missed by all.

Mavis was a retired nurse and spent many years working for Dr. Rod Jenkins and the South Mississippi State Hospital. She was also a well-known wedding director for couples in Laurel, Jones County and surrounding areas. She prided herself on the beautiful and tasty wedding cakes she made. She

enjoyed being an avid gardener and took great pride in her yard, plants and flowers. She was a wonderful cook and always had an abundance of food on the table. As can be attested by her grandsons, she made the best fried chicken in South Mississippi.

Funeral services for Mavis will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Mill Creek Church. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the service to follow at 10:00 a.m. and burial in the church cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Mill Creek Cemetery

2319 Mill Creek Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mill Creek Church
2319 Mill Creek Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

AUG 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Mavis was such a precious friend. When my husband and I got married we were low on funds but with her special touch we had a most beautiful wedding. She will always be remembered as a very elegant but lovable lady.*

Sharon Martin Taylor - August 28, 2023 at 07:54 AM

JR

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Jolene Rahaim - August 24, 2023 at 11:08 PM

LP

“ *Deepest Sympathy Extended to the Family of Mavis P. Swanberg. Prayers for Comfort and Peace.*

Linda Patterson

Linda Patterson - August 24, 2023 at 09:14 PM

AH

“ Mavis Parker that name flooded my heart with such wonderful memories. When I got engaged, my parents had never met their future son in law in person. Daddy was okay but my Mother cried a year. Every time we picked a date, my Mother would say, "that is too soon, I need more time!" Finally, we settled on a date and Mother would have nothing to do with planning anything. Daddy was at his wit's end. A family friend of theirs told him he needed to get a wedding planner and she gave him Mavis' name and phone number. The rest was history. She didn't pay any attention to the crying Mother, she just took care of her business, and we had a beautiful wedding. Mother was there looking pretty, and Daddy look so handsome in his Tux. All of this happened June 9, 1962, at West Laurel Baptist Church. Troy and I had 39 happy years. He passed away in 2001. Mavis was such a sweet person and I know she loved her family. I will never forget her and my wedding!!! Ann Howell

Ann Rose Howell - August 23, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mavis Parker Swanberg.

August 23, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mavis Parker Swanberg.



August 23, 2023 at 03:26 PM

JE

“ *Talented in so many areas...a good friend and coworker...*



Jan Ellzey - August 23, 2023 at 12:26 PM

AW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mavis was a lovely lady. Praying for peace and comfort during these difficult days.*

Amy Williams - August 23, 2023 at 10:24 AM

AR

“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one. We will be praying for you in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy,
David and Angela Rudolph
Nell Gieger*

Angela Rudolph - August 23, 2023 at 10:10 AM