



## Melissa Joan Blackburn

February 9, 1971 - December 20, 2022

Melissa (Missy) Joan Blackburn was born February 9, 1971, and went to be with Jesus on December 20, 2022 at UAB hospital in Birmingham, AL.

Missy was a resident of Laurel, MS where she grew up. She was a friend to everyone and never met a stranger. She was creative, organized, caring and always giving.

Missy deeply loved her family, and her gracious giving heart will be missed by all. Friends and family can find peace and comfort knowing she loved the Lord and her faith was strong.

Missy was preceded in death by her father, Delton Beech; her grandparents, Tommy and Jean Walker, and Walter and Bessy Beech.

Missy is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Michael (Mike) Blackburn; her children, Mason Walker, Josh Sumrall (Brianna), Brandon Sumrall (Olivia), Dylan Blackburn (Mallory), Taylor Blackburn (Brice Reeves); and her grandchildren, Ava Holder, Blair Blackburn, Gunner Reeves, Emerie Reeves, and Eden Blackburn.

Missy is also survived by her mother, Janis Nicholson; two brothers James Dale Beech and Ryan Nicholson; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will take place at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The service will be at 2:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Ken Riley and Pastor Jimmy Hood with burial service to follow at Sharon Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Gavin Welborn, Cody Broussard, Chris Ulmer, Cole Johnston, Cameron Johnston, and David Couste.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many wonderful memories with Missy but I guess the one that stands out the most was when we were kids (11 & 12 years old ) she went home with me to my dads and we stayed on the 3-wheeler all day long and come back muddy from head to toe but we had a total blast ! We remained friends throughout the years , lost contact here and there always found a way to get back in touch with one another ... she was my blood sister for life gosh we literally cut ourselves back in the late 80s to become just that ! Missy was a beautiful soul inside and out and I will always smile thinking back on the times that we did share ! My thoughts and prayers are with Ms Janis , Mike, Mason , Josh, Brandon , Dylan, Mallory , Taylor, Dale , Ryan and all those precious grand babies that she loves so much and all the rest of her family and friends ! RIP beautiful lady until we meet again !

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**Dawn Holifield Jordan** - December 26, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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“ I'm so saddened by the loss of one of our beloved family members. Janis, we are not supposed to outlive our children. My heart breaks for you, my dear cousin. This loss of a daughter, a mother, a niece, a cousin, a sister, a friend and all of the other relationships that she had is heartbreaking. May God's blessings surround everyone during these difficult times and throughout life.

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**Thomas Walker** - December 26, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melissa Joan Blackburn.*



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December 23, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *My heart goes out and my prayers continue to go up for you (the family) over the loss of your loved one. I know how much she meant to all of you, it was very evident at the hospital. I will continue to keep you all in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Love from UAB,  
Sharon Green*

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**Sharon Green** - December 22, 2022 at 09:44 PM