



Merle B. McDonald

July 6, 1938 - May 8, 2026

It is with great sadness that we are announcing the passing of our mother, Merle Boleware McDonald, on the morning of Friday, May 8, 2026, at her residence in Ellisville, MS, with her family by her side. She was born July 6, 1938, to Horace and Iva Brewer Boleware.

Graveside services are to be held on Monday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in Soules Chapel Cemetery in the Rainey Community in Jones County, MS. The Rev. Daniel Livingston will officiate.

Mrs. McDonald was a retired seamstress, homemaker (she loved to cook homemade bread), and a member of Sweetwater Tabernacle Church. She had a long and unfortunate battle with Alzheimer's disease, something that took her away too soon from her family and friends, but she's in a better place now, free from the ravages of the disease.

She was preceded in death by her parents Horace and Iva Boleware; husband Walter Jack McDonald; infant son L. Robert McDonald; sisters Barbara Boleware, Vermell Sims (John), Patsy Lowery (Shirley), and Brenda K. Boleware.

Mimi, as she was known by her grandchildren, is survived by a brother Oscar Boleware (Carmen); two sons, Michael L. McDonald and Daniel G. McDonald;

grandchildren Laura A. Hegwood (Nick) and Mark D. McDonald; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Craig Sims, Layne Whiddon, Chase Norris, Jeremy Norris, J. P. Coleman, and Holden Weems. Memory Chapel Funeral Home of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Soules Chapel Cemetery

579 Rainey Rd
Moselle, MS 39459

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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