



## Nelda Rachel Herrington

January 20, 1933 - June 9, 2020

On June 9th, 2020, Nelda Ruffin Herrington passed away peacefully at the young age of 87. She was born on January 20, 1933 in Jasper County MS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nolan and Mary Ruffin, brothers Cecil Ruffin and Arvis Ruffin.

Her legacy will be carried on by her beloved children, daughter Mary Emily Hughes (Roger), sons Thomas Terry Herrington, Jr. (Lynn) and Kevin Ross Herrington (Jan); grandchildren Amy Keene (Michael), Amber Herrington (Willie), Joshua West (Sarah), Devin Herrington, Amanda Herrington; great grandchildren Karley Keene, Kelton Keene, Riley West, Owen West and Ingrid Jane Herrington. She is also survived by her sister, Ruby Copeland (Jim). Thomas Terry Herrington, Sr. (Tom) held the great honor of sharing life with his beloved bride for 70 years.

Nelda had an infectious laugh and never met a stranger. Her table was open to everyone. Nelda's culinary skills will be marveled at for the decades, but never fully replicated. She was an artist and found pleasure in making life around her beautiful. She thought there was nothing wrong with a little extra glitter and sparkle. Her passion was her family, and she loved fiercely. Nelda was tiny in stature, big on personality, with stories that will be told for years. She will be greatly missed, but her legacies she leaves behind will continue

making the life she loved beautiful and ensuring others always feel loved.

Memory Chapel will be in charge of funeral arrangements. A graveside service will be held at Our Home Universalist Cemetery located at 2134 Hwy 29 North Ellisville, MS 39437 at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020.

To view and sign the online guestbook, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Our Home Universalist Cemetery

2134 Hwy 29 S  
Ellisville, MS 39437

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TW

“ I lived next to her and papa roo 18 years and never had a cross word. I loved her dearly. She will be missed but not forgotten.

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**tim wilks** - June 14, 2020 at 09:21 PM

FW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Nelda. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the family.

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**Fred, Barbara and Shawn Wansley** - June 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ I held the pleasure of knowing Ms Nelda for almost 30 years. She always had a beautiful smile and a kind word every time I spoke with her . What a awesome legacy to leave with those she came in contact with while on this journey we call life. RIP

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**Donna Graham** - June 12, 2020 at 08:41 AM

LS

Nelda was my mommas best friend and now they are together again. My love and sympathy to Tom, Emily and your family. Love you. Lynn dksughter

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**lynn slaughter** - July 04, 2020 at 02:47 PM

LJ

“ Loved Ms Nelda. She will be missed.

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**Lynda Jefcoat** - June 11, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SE

“ My thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace for all of her family and loved ones, especially her sister, Ruby Copeland! So sorry for your loss! 🙏🙏🙏

Sarah Entrekin - June 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

LF

“ Nelda was a special friend. I honor her joyful spirit today as I mourn her death. Jamie and I extend our deepest sympathy to Tom and his family at this painful time. We love you.



Linda Foshee - June 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nelda Rachel Herrington.



June 11, 2020 at 11:08 AM

AO

“ Andrew and Linda Monks, and Kay Osborn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nelda Rachel Herrington.



Andrew and Linda Monks, and Kay Osborn - June 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

AW

“ Jenny and I send our love and thoughts to Tom, Nelda and their family. They were so gracious and kind. So loving. Mrs. Nelda was one of the first people to greet me when I first arrived at Our Home Church with open arms. A true gem and model of a southern lady. Although I'm sure she would remind us that her spitfire spirit broke the mold :) Tom is a wonderful person and true gentleman. My favorite quote of Tom is” people say they want to go back to the old days... well I don't want to do that. I like not having to go out in the cold to get wood to heat the house.”

*Much love and peace.. Jenny and Amy*

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**Amy Wiley** - June 10, 2020 at 10:00 PM

 Larry  
Lassley

“ I am so sorry to hear about, Nelda! I am praying for this precious family and loved ones!  
May our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ comfort you all by the power of the Holy Spirit & the promise of God's word! God bless you all!  
Pastor Larry Lassley-Calvary Christian-Bogalusa, La.

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**Larry Lassley** - June 10, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ My girls, Daisy and Lily, and I will never forget Mrs Nelda and her lovely sparkle at church on Sundays. We looked forward to her outfits ever week.  
She was a treasure and will be missed.



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**Tiffany Greer** - June 10, 2020 at 08:17 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss of your mom.you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.I loved your mom she always spoke to me we always had good times at their store at Butter milk crossing,love u always Martha

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**Martha Tew** - June 10, 2020 at 07:48 PM



JP

“ Terry Lynn and families prayers are with you all .may god wrap his arms around all of you.God bless.Judy White Pitts.

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**judy white pitts** - June 10, 2020 at 06:49 PM

BC

“ Such a sweet soul . She reminded me of my momma so much. Rest In Peace 

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**Boyce Green Christopher** - June 10, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DG

“ Nelda treated me as though she had known me all my life from the day I met her. Paula and I loved her. We will miss Nelda.

*Our prayers are with all of you.*

*Danny Graham*

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**Danny Graham** - June 10, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JP

“ *Judy White Pitts lit a candle in memory of Nelda Rachel Herrington*



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**judy white pitts** - June 10, 2020 at 06:16 PM

 Marci Delaney

“ *I remember Nelda and Ruby from a few Mississippi Visits. What lovely sisters and I won't forget the kindness shown to me. Marci Ruffin Delaney - Columbia, SC*

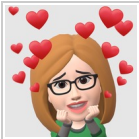
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**Marci Delaney** - June 10, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nelda Rachel Herrington.*



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June 10, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *My prayers are with you during this time. You had the sweetest mom! We all loved her.*

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**Connie Hoover** - June 10, 2020 at 05:05 PM