



Patricia Joan Martin

January 25, 1943 - November 12, 2025

Patricia “Joan” Martin, loving mother, cherished grandmother, beloved sister and friend, passed away November 12, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents Webber Clifton Gatlin and Audrey Windham Gatlin; her husband Woodrow W. Martin, Jr.; her son Woodrow “Scooter” W. Martin, III; and her brother Robert C. Gatlin.

She is survived by her sons J. Michael Martin (Cecile) of Baton Rouge and Brian Martin (Dina) of Laurel; grandchildren Landon Martin (Savanna), Brock Martin and Rylan Martin, all of Laurel, and Sarah Martin and Emily Martin of Baton Rouge; sisters Gloria Myrick (George) of Sevierville, TN, Barbara Sauls (Buddy) of Heidelberg, Sylvia Tighe (Bo) of Oxford, MS; and beloved nieces and nephews.

Joan received her Associates Degree in Arts from Jones County Junior College in May, 1989, and her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from William Carey College in August, 1992.

She was a long time member and past president of the Jones County Republican Women. She was also a long time member of the Southern Heritage Garden Club, having held a number of club offices. She worked for the Jones County Council on Aging and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program

but her true love was caring for her family.

Joan loved spending time with her family, was a fabulous cook and wonderful gardener, and loved to travel. She attended Highland Baptist Church and was a member of Shady Grove First Baptist Church in Heidelberg, MS.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Shady Grove First Baptist Church in Heidelberg at 10:00 a.m. followed by services at 11:00 a.m. and graveside service at Shady Grove First Baptist Cemetery, 1220 US-11, Heidelberg, MS. Bro. Eric Estes will officiate the service and Bro. Bill Bolton will officiate at the graveside.

Pallbearers will be Landon Martin, Brock Martin, Rylan Martin, Adam Sauls, Jackson Myrick, and Drew Mason. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Myrick, Gary Myrick, Jerrell Gatlin, and Stirling Tighe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Shady Grove First Baptist Cemetery (Shady Grove First Baptist Church, c/o Darnyle Sanders, 213 CR 39, Vossburg, MS 39366) or the American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org in Joan's memory.

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

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove First Baptist Church Cemetery

1220 US-11
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Shady Grove First Baptist Church
1220 US-11
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shady Grove First Baptist Church
1220 US-11
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Tribute Wall

EP

“ *My sweet Joan. I still can't believe you are not here with us. I cherished our friendsnohip so many years in garden club. Loved you so much. May you fly high with the Angels my friend. My love to you. Evelyn*

Evelyn Poole - January 31 at 11:54 PM

JK

“ *Joan was a delightfully happy person. She showed us how to succesfully over come life's obstacles without complaining. She was the most courageous person I've ever known. It was an enormous blessing to be her friend for over sixty years. Janette*

Janette Kennedy-Tibbetts - December 06, 2025 at 10:27 AM

GB

“ *Hey Woody and Brian,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mama.
She always had a contagious smile and
friendly word. She will definitely be missed.
Gary Bryant*



Gary Bryant - November 26, 2025 at 10:17 PM

RS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Joan's passing. I got to know her as a teenager through working with the Teenage Republicans & Jones Co Republican Women. She was a special lady, and I am praying for the whole family. -rebekah staples*

Rebekah Staples - November 17, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DC

“ Barbara and family, I'm sorry to hear about Joan . I would enjoy our talks and visits when she would come by to check on her mom. She was always a very caring person and she loved her family. I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the funeral I had to work today. If there's anything I can do to help please let me know. Love y'all Deanna

Deanna Conliff - November 15, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AP

“ In my prayer 🙏 love you boys !

Alicia Pryne - November 15, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SW

“ Brian, Dina, and Mike
I'm so shocked of your mom's passing. I'm so sorry!!! She will be missed. Had she been sick? She always had a smile to offer, a hug to give. And I'm so thankful she wasn't seriously hurt when my dad passed out and fell into her at Mrs Alene's service. Love you all. God will see you through. It's tough. My mom has been gone 16 months and I'm def still struggling but God gives me grace. He will you too
Love
Sonya Gatlin Welch and family

Sonya Welch - November 14, 2025 at 11:53 PM

JP

“ JoJo & Olivia Parker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Joan Martin.



JoJo & Olivia Parker - November 14, 2025 at 04:26 PM

TF

“ The Landrum Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Joan Martin.

The Landrum Family - November 14, 2025 at 08:27 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Joan was a lovely lady. Praying for family and friends during this time.

Amy Williams - November 14, 2025 at 07:42 AM

CC

“ Chad and Jennifer Caraway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Joan Martin.

Chad and Jennifer Caraway - November 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Joan Martin.



November 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ *Dina & Family, I am so sorry to have read about the passing of Ms. Joan. I loved this lady & enjoyed seeing her so much. We send our deepest heartfelt sympathy to you & all the family. We are keeping all in thought & prayer for comfort & peace during this sad & difficult time.*

Love, Shelton & Rhonda Clark Cooley

Shelton & Rhonda Cooley - November 13, 2025 at 04:52 PM

SH

“ *Prayers & condolences to the Family of Joan Martin as I knew her! She was the first friend I had after moving to Laurel in 1968! We met at Highland Baptist Church! She loved to talk & every person I met & mentioned to her she was kind to! We were both active in Jones County Republican Women & she served as my Vice President when I served as President! She was full of ideas & through her suggestion we started a Sclororship for Teenage Republicans of \$250 for both a girl & boy! We had the first newsletter of any club & won awards at State Convention on it & our Scrapbook! I will miss my friend so much! RIP Joan! We'll meet in Heaven one sweet day*



Stella Hall - November 13, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CB

Dina, Bryan, Mike, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Joan was such a special person and always had the most beautiful contagious smile. She was a great friend who loved to share her love for the Lord with others. You and your precious family will be in my thoughts and prayers! Psalm 116:15

Carolyn Bradford - November 15, 2025 at 09:56 PM