



## Paulette V. Coker

June 24, 1943 - July 4, 2023

On July 4, 2023, Paulette “Ms. Polly” Vinzant Coker, of Laurel, MS, passed away at the age of 80. Ms. Polly was the biological mother to two children. However, many people considered Ms. Polly their surrogate mother.

She was born on June 24, 1943, in Copiah County, MS, to the late Woodrow and Helen Vinzant. Ms. Polly grew up in a Christian home and learned how to serve others at a very young age. She moved to Laurel, MS with her husband in 1969. In 1979, she and her husband gave their servant hearts a name. Love in Action Mission was born and has been a beacon of hope to many.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James “Mr. Buddy” Coker of Laurel, MS; her sister Janie Sue Thornhill of Laurel, MS; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ned and Eloise Coker of Laurel, MS.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Coker Bynum (Ed) of Laurel, MS; son, Bo Coker (Lisa) of Laurel, MS; grandchildren, Tyler Craft (Susan) of Raleigh, NC; Lana Holbrook (David) of Laurel, MS; Cody Coker (Brittany) of Raleigh, NC; Cassidy Coker of Oak Grove, MS; Cayden Coker of Oak Grove, MS; Ryan Bynum (Anna) of Bay Springs, MS; Hope Jones (Connor) of Fletcher, OK; Chase Wildman of Laurel, MS; Brooke Wildman of Laurel, MS; nine great grandchildren and number ten due in August. She was also survived by her sister, Lavanna Smith (Sonny) of Brookhaven, MS and her

brother, Buddy Vinzant also of Brookhaven, MS.

The funeral service will be held Saturday July 8, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Laurel, MS. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Love in Action Mission (Teen Ministry) by mail @ 234 Hwy 28 West Laurel, MS 39443 or direct deposit to Love in Action Mission, Community Bank Laurel, MS.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

JUL 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My Lord! My second mom...I just found out today and I am more than heartbroken...I love that woman with everything in me...There will never be another Mrs Polly....I love you my precious woman and I will see you soon..Countless souls you touched including mine...I'm in shock...My Lord!*

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**Jack Baucum** - August 16, 2023 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ *I love and appreciate everything she taught me.  
She was definitely unforgettable. My condolences go out to her family, although she is in a much better place than we are.*



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**suzanne greene** - July 09, 2023 at 08:58 PM

BF

“ *Mrs Polly told me I was one of her hardest men to come through her Mission. We spent countless hours together becoming very close and her efforts were not in vain I am 10 years cocaine free today. Her efforts to help others and obeying our Heavenly Father is why I was healed and delivered from bondage to addiction. She meant so much to so many.*

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**Buddy Feltman** - July 09, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Paulette V. Coker.*



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July 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Mrs. Polly really helped me and my family in our time of need. She was such a sweet lady. Prayers for the family*

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**Jessica D Ulmer** - July 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Ms. Polly touched countless lives & selflessly helped so many. She will be greatly missed.*



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**Melissa Blackwell Hankins** - July 06, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *Ms Polly was an outstanding Christian woman. Her life was about serving and helping others. She was always a blessing to us.*

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**Larry Dennis** - July 06, 2023 at 12:33 PM

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“Granny "P" was the most self-less, loving, giving, caring, thoughtful lady I've ever known!! She told you exactly what you needed to hear even if it was going to hurt you a little because it was the truth!! God blessed her with a purpose and she fulfilled it abundantly.. I will carry with me verbal wisdom that she gave to me.. She motivated me to being the person I am today!!! I will forever carry you in m heart!!



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Ashley Martin - July 06, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paulette V. Coker.

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July 05, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Paulette V. Coker.



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July 05, 2023 at 09:12 PM

JH

“ There are way to many memories to recall just a few. I do know this,  
" Today the Gates of Heaven swung wide as they welcomed a  
saint."

*Polly lived her life for two things, Buddy Coker and to take as many  
people to Heaven with her as much as depended on her. I for one  
am still here and believing because of Buddy and Polly's undying  
love for our Lord.* ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

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**jeffrey harris** - July 05, 2023 at 08:47 PM

BH

“ SO GRIEVED TO HEAR OF OUR DEAR POLLY'S PASSING !  
PRAYERS FOR ALL OF HER FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

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**Bobby Holifield** - July 05, 2023 at 05:45 PM