



Rheda "Jo" Knight

August 18, 1947 - February 23, 2026

Rheda "Jo" Knight, 78, of Heidelberg, Mississippi, entered her heavenly home surrounded by her family on February 23, 2026.

Jo dedicated her life to caring for those she loved. She was a devoted wife and homemaker for many years while raising her daughters, creating a home filled with warmth, love, and steady guidance. Later, while working at State Farm Insurance in Heidelberg, Mississippi, she pursued her dream of becoming a registered nurse. After earning her RN degree, she faithfully served the community at Rush Hospital for 25 years before retiring.

Retirement brought some of her sweetest days. She and her high school sweetheart enjoyed fishing together and living life to the fullest. She was also a devoted dog rescuer, always opening her heart and her home to animals in need. Her compassion ran deep, and her big heart touched both people and pets alike. She treasured her time with her best friend, Margie D. McClellan, and cherished every opportunity to gather with family.

Known by many titles—head cook, caregiver, encourager—her favorite title was "Nana." She loved Walker, Darby and LeighEllen with her whole heart. They were her world. She never missed a game, performance, or special moment and was always their biggest cheerleader.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Juanita Ellen Benton.

She is survived by her husband Craig Knight; her two daughters, Jenny (Brad) Thompson and Kelly Knight; her grandchildren, Walker Thompson (fiancée Margaret Anne McNeill), Darby Byrd (fiance is Cade Mauldin), and LeighEllen Thompson; her sister Susan O'Hara; her brother Don Benton (Betty); her best friend Margie D. McClellan; and a host of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Her love was her legacy, and it will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be held on February 26, 2026, at Philadelphia Community Church in Heidelberg, MS, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Philadelphia Community Church Cemetery. Bro. Larry Sappington will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Keith Knight, Chad Knight, Walker Thompson, Rick McClellan, Kenny Reeves, and Sherman Livingston, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Philadelphia Cemetery, 1346 CR, Heidelberg, MS 39439.

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

Cemetery Details

Philadelphia Community Church

3785 MS 528
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *My heart is broken at this loss. I found out yesterday Mar 7 and wow the tears. I loved this lady. She was my customer at kroger and her and mr Craig always made me smile and laugh at just making eye contact. Wonderful people to say the least. Praying for family.*

Bethann Sullivan - March 08 at 08:16 PM

AA

“ *Craig, To say that I was shocked to hear about Jo would be an understatement. I can't believe it! I just saw y'all together not long ago. Jo was always so happy! We laughed and talked about things and people. It was so much fun to be around her. I will truly miss her. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless and comfort you! Ann and Jerrol Ainsworth*

Ann & Jerrol Ainsworth - March 01 at 10:54 PM

KD

“ *we love you Jenny and family. You're in our hearts and minds.*

Kevin Dearmon - February 26 at 11:34 AM

MM

“ *Mr.and Mrs. James Randall McNeill purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rheda "Jo" Knight.*



Mr.and Mrs. James Randall McNeill - February 25 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rheda "Jo" Knight.*



February 25 at 11:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rheda "Jo" Knight.

February 25 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rheda "Jo" Knight.*



February 25 at 11:49 AM



“ *Kris, Barbara, Darby & Noah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rheda "Jo" Knight.*

Kris, Barbara, Darby & Noah - February 25 at 10:27 AM

KN

“ Kris, Barbara, Darby & Noah purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rheda "Jo" Knight.



Kris, Barbara, Darby & Noah - February 25 at 10:27 AM

LD

“ I am so sorry about your mom , I remember years ago you talked a lot about how close yall were , Please know sweet girl my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sending you a big hug.
Leah Doggett

Leah Doggett - February 25 at 12:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rheda "Jo" Knight.

February 24 at 09:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rheda "Jo" Knight.



February 24 at 09:04 PM

LP

“ Craig so sorry for your loss. I don't know if you remember me but I worked for you many times when I was with Baker Service Tools in Laurel. Prayers for you and your family.

Latheal Parish - February 24 at 08:11 PM