



## Rosemary Townsend Farragut

December 29, 1934 - November 2, 2017

Rosemary Townsend Farragut passed away at her home on November 2, 2017. She was preceded in death by her daughter Millicent Rose Farragut, parents B.C. and Lola Townsend, brothers Clifton and William Townsend, and her sister Laura Ishee. She is survived by her son Miles, daughter-in-law Venessa, granddaughter Lauren Farragut, brothers Gus and James Townsend, and sister Ruthie Townsend Gavin along with a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The visitation will be Monday, November 6 from 9:30 – 10:30. The funeral will follow after at 10:30 with Pastor Matt Olson officiating. Both will be held at First Baptist Church of Sharon with Memory Chapel in charge of arrangements. The pallbearers will be Mike Barlow, Brett Barlow, Tim Ishee, Mark Ishee, Jess Cooley, Pat Townsend, and Jim Townsend.

Rosemary went to grade school at Sharon High School. Her college career began at Jones County Junior College where she was the Homecoming Queen in 1952, and completed graduate degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi in education and administration.

She taught at numerous schools throughout Laurel and Jones County. She was thrilled to be a part of the reopening of Sharon Elementary. Rosemary's greatest delight was following the lives of her former students and watching the paths they followed. Later, she became principal of Pendorf Elementary. She was then selected to implement the first kindergarten center in the Jones County School District, and led the Pendorf Kindergarten School to national recognition by implementing an early education computerized program.

After retiring, Rosemary focused her efforts towards the establishment of a museum devoted to her beloved Sharon Community. She was an early member of the Jones County Republican Party and remained active in the Jones County Republican Women throughout her life. She attended the first class of Leadership Jones County. In 1982, she was one of the coordinators of the Laurel Centennial Celebration. She was very active with the YWCA and coordinated several programs there. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Sharon. Rosemary will be remembered for the love and care she showed her students, her dedication to her family, and her faith in Jesus Christ.

The family would like to thank Forrest General Home Health and Hospice Care, Nelda Arrington, and Clara Thornhill for their devotion and care for Ms. Rosemary. They would also like to thank the Sharon community for all of their thoughts and prayers.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Sharon  
4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

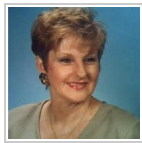


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Townsend Farragut.*



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July 30, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Rose Mary was always such a sweet lady, so sorry to hear this. She loved teaching and her students. May you rest in God's Peace.*  
*Evelyn Poole*

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**Evelyn Poole** - November 08, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Prayers for the family. Sharon Barham*

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**Sharon Barham** - November 07, 2017 at 07:23 AM



*Rosemary was one of my best friends for years and years. I have been unable to locate her for awhile since I now live out of state. I am so sorry to hear of her death, however, I know she is with our Lord. Many prayers for her loving family.*

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**Caroline Moore** - December 29, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ *I have so many great memories from my childhood at the Farragut home.*  
*Our condolences to the family...*  
*much love, Pam and Elisa Smith*

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**Pam Smith Wade** - November 04, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MT

“ So sorry to read of Rosemary's death. She was a beautiful, true Southern lady. We are thinking of you during your time of great loss.  
Love, Martha and Terrell Tisdale

Martha and Terrell Tisdale - November 04, 2017 at 02:26 PM

KT

“ Kiah and Kayleen Townsend purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rosemary Townsend Farragut.



Kiah and Kayleen Townsend - November 03, 2017 at 09:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rosemary Townsend Farragut.



November 03, 2017 at 08:02 PM

WP

“ Truly a precious Lady, she will be missed, praying for all the family.



Wanda Purvis - November 03, 2017 at 07:39 PM

BE

“ *My thoughts and prayers for Rosemary's family. I have loved and admired Rosemary my entire life. She was a dear friend to my family. I will miss her.*  
*Barbara (Brewer)Edwards*

Barbara Edwards - November 03, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemary Townsend Farragut.*



November 03, 2017 at 05:32 PM

SW

“ *Shane & Tara Welborn lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Townsend Farragut*



Shane & Tara Welborn - November 03, 2017 at 04:27 PM

GW

“ *She was was my 2nd grade, she was one of the most caring teacher, like many of the ones at Sharon Elementary. A lot of great memories there, that I have cherished over the years and will continue to cherish the rest of my life. I loved her and will miss her greatly.*



Ginger Ulmer Walters - November 03, 2017 at 03:14 PM

RL

“ *She was and always will be a very sweet person! Loved going to the Sharon elementary museum and seeing her smiling face as we walked in the door!! She will be greatly missed!!! Love and prayers to the family!!!*

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**Rhonda long** - November 03, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SH

“ *Susan Holmes lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Townsend Farragut*



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**Susan Holmes** - November 03, 2017 at 12:36 PM