



Rosie Mae Sorrells

June 21, 1952 - February 4, 2021

Rosie Mae Chapman Sorrells, 68, of Laurel, passed away on February 4, 2021 at her residence.

She was born on June 21, 1952 in Philadelphia, MS. She graduated from Northeast Jones High School in 1971. She attended Jones County Junior College from 1973-1975. She enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1978 where she served for 34 years. She was deployed at the age of 58 to serve in Afghanistan in 2010. She returned home in 2011, and decided to retire from the National Guard in 2012. She was a stay-at-home mom for the early years of her children's lives; however, in 1996, when her children were in school, she decided to work for the MS Band of Choctaw Indians where she was also a tribal member. She worked as an Adult Education Assistant Teacher and helped many Native Americans succeed in receiving their GEDs. She retired from the tribe after only 16 years because she wanted to stay home and care for her grandson, Shaun.

She was married to Everett Price Sorrells, Jr for 39 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents Frank Asa Chapman and Mary McMillan Chapman; sisters, Theresa Chapman Willis, Mary Jane Chapman Vaughn; brother, John Mingo, and two nephews, Adam Billy, Jr and Myron Todd Chapman.

She is survived by her two children, Mary Elizabeth Sorrells and Franklin Price Sorrells; one step-son, Everett Cody Sorrells; grandchildren, Dalton Sorrells and Shaun West; five sisters, Shirley Chapman Briscoe, Betty Jane Sutton, Trudy Mae Chapman, Annie Chapman Jalalzadeh, and Norma Chapman Davis; brothers, Gene Ray Chapman and Claude James Chapman, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Rosie enjoyed going to church at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church every Sunday with her sisters, Annie Jalalzadeh and Betty Sutton and having coffee afterwards. She loved her family so much and enjoyed spending all day every day with her grandson, Shaun, whom she absolutely adored more than life itself.

The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the Choctaw Cemetery of the Bogue Homa Indian Reservation in Heidelberg, MS where she will be laid to rest along with her husband, Everett Price Sorrells, Jr.

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

Cemetery Details

Choctaw Cemetery

109 Mcfarland Rd.
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ Rosie was a classmate at NorthEast Jones. . She was the sweetest person.

Kathy - March 05, 2021 at 08:46 AM

BS

“ Dearest Family, Our mother, Mary Dillard, loved Rosie beyond measure, as Carleton, Susannah and I did. She was a great friend to our mother. Rosie was so kind and helpful with such a sweet heart. We considered her part of our family and loved her dearly. I have not seen her since mother's funeral in 2010! Nevertheless, she was a dear soul and was so very good to our mother. I feel blessed to have known our sweet Rosie! May God's comfort and strength give you peace. Love to you all. Becky Dillard Strickland

Becky Strickland - March 04, 2021 at 11:33 PM

DT

“ A very sweet lady. She always got on to me for working so much in Afghanistan. She always put a smile on my face.

Deangelis M Taylor - March 04, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DT

“ Deangelis M Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rosie Mae Sorrells



Deangelis M Taylor - March 04, 2021 at 09:57 PM

DT

“ I called Mrs Rosa back in November. She kept saying who is this. I can't hear you. Speak up. She said someone playing on the phone. Lol I was tickled. I called back and spoke loudly. It was so good to talk to her. I loved this lady. I missed her so much when she retired from the 184th.

Deangelis M Taylor - March 04, 2021 at 09:36 PM

DH

“ Deacon Rich And Cathy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Rosie Mae Sorrells



Deacon Rich and Cathy Hollingsworth - March 03, 2021 at 07:54 AM

SC

“ Sheila Chung lit a candle in memory of Rosie Mae Sorrells



Sheila Chung - February 09, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CF

“ Everett I'm so sorry to hear about Rosie my prayers are with you and your family. Cathy, chris and Bill



Catherine Fizell - February 07, 2021 at 12:30 PM