



Ruby L. Aaron Whitaker

April 30, 1934 - August 17, 2019

Ruby Whitaker, of Laurel, passed away peacefully at her residence on August 17, 2019. She was 85 years old.

A loving Christian wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a retired RN and family nurse practitioner. She devoted her life to serving others. She was passionate about her work and known for her gentleness and caring attitude. Mrs. Ruby practiced nursing for over 30 years and was one of the first nurse practitioners in Jones county. She graduated from Charity Hospital in 1957 and received her practitioner's license in 1974. She retired from Jones County Health Department in 1995 where she was loved by all her patients and co-workers.

While at Charity Hospital, she met the love of her life, Hal H. Whitaker, where he was a resident at a boarding house across the street from the hospital. They were married on March 22, 1957. They had two daughters, Robin and Connie, whom they raised in a loving Christian home. Ruby was a member of First Baptist Calhoun where she was loved by everyone. She had devoted her life to serving the Lord in various capacities over the years.

Mrs. Whitaker was preceded in death by her husband, Hal H. Whitaker, Jr; parents, Robert Ernest Aaron and Rosie Hosey Aaron; step-mother, Amelia Aaron; brother, Robert Aaron; sisters, Azalene Wade and Mary Ruth Aaron; and sons-in-law, Roy M. Ishee and James M. Cantrell, Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Robin E. Ishee and Connie E. Cantrell; granddaughter, April W. Cantrell (fiancé Donald P. West); step-grandchildren,

Michael (Leslie) Ishee and Lesa Parish; great-grandchildren, Keller and Kasey Ishee, Nicole (Darrell) Patrick and Denton Parish; great-great-grandchildren, Tristan, Logan, Elizabeth and Rebekah Patrick and Prelsey and Remington Parish.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel on Monday August 19, 2019 from 5 to 8 p.m. Funeral will be Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens. Bro. Harold Floyd and Bro. Randy Turner will officiate. Pallbearers will be, Michael Ishee, Darrell Patrick, Robert West, Kevin Busby, Lesley Broadhead and Derek Holder. Honorary pallbearers will be, John Ward, Kenley Aaron and Charles Long.

We would like to express a special thank you to the TCU team and staff at Merit Health Wesley, Candice Boler of Forest General Hospice and Justin Hughes of Forest General Home Health. We greatly appreciate all of their support and help during the time we needed them and were there for us.

To view and sign the online guestbook, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Service

AUG 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Dear Connie and Robin,

I have such fond memories of your mom; she was a wonderful lady. Sending you the most heartfelt condolences.

Lisa Easterling

Lisa Easterling - September 23, 2019 at 12:41 PM

JW

“ Robin and Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. I have such good memories of your mom, especially her laughter! I remember having hot chocolate at your house with homemade hot cocoa mix.....GA's at church and that bus ride to Texas to GA camp....watching the Billy Graham Crusade at your house one evening on TV...wonderful memories of your family. Praying for all of you. Janie Sullivan Williams

Janie Williams - August 20, 2019 at 07:56 PM

CB

“ Praying for you and your family during this time of loss.
Charlotte Baker

Charlotte Baker - August 20, 2019 at 04:38 PM

DE

“ My mom, Frances Duffy loved Ruby. They shared a passion for caring for others and life in general. May God comfort you in your time of lose.
Debbie

Debbie - August 19, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby L. Aaron Whitaker.*



August 18, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Donna Rowell Gage*

Donna Rowell Gage - August 18, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.*

Amy Williams - August 18, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a very special person. I know she and my Mom, Frances Duffy, are in Heaven visiting. God Bless you all and comfort you in this time. Jan Duffy Ruffin*

Jan Ruffin - August 18, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Ms. Ruby, you were always nice to me, fuss at me when I didn't do right, my son will be 36 years old this year, and you took care of me n him before n after his birth. Rest on sweetie, you deserve your rest, you have been a true server of the people for a long time.*

Barbara Jordan - August 18, 2019 at 04:03 PM