



Ruby Ward

October 21, 1928 - February 10, 2018

Ruby Goodson Ward, born October 21, 1928, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 10, 2018. She was a resident of Laurel for many years, and she was born in Calhoun City, Mississippi.

Better known as “Mamaw,” she loved the outdoors, especially vegetable and flower gardening. She was known by her family and friends as the “best cook around.” She loved to cook delicious southern food. She enjoyed attending services at Erata Primitive Baptist Church, where she loved her church family and worshipping the Lord. Holiday family gatherings were some of her favorite times, and she prepared for them weeks in advance. She spent all of her adult life as a homemaker and mother to her four children, which were among her greatest life accomplishments.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Maude Goodson, her sisters Maxine Kirby and Earline Stone, and her brothers Bill Goodson, Tom Goodson, J.W. Goodson, and Gladys Goodson.

She is survived by her husband and love of her life, Leonard Ward, married 71 years; children Richard Ward (Janie) of Laurel, Donald (Pete) Ward (Sherrah) of Soso, Sandra Ward Brenner (Ken) of Cumming, GA, and Lori Ward Barnes (Jim) of Ocean Springs. She is also survived by ten grandchildren, Angie Ward Bynum (Casey), Greg Brenner (Allison), Brian Brenner (Carmen), Tonya

Ward Thrower (Philip), John Robert Ward (Brooke), Lance Ward, Mark Brenner (Sandi), Justin Ward, Caroline Smith, and Chandler Smith. She was also blessed with sixteen great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the administration and staff of the Jones County Rest Home in Ellisville for the excellent care and kindness shown during our loves one's illness.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 10:00 am with funeral services following in the chapel at 11:30 am. Elder Jerry Wilkerson will officiate. Burial will be held in Sharon Cemetery.

Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

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

Cemetery Details

Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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Tribute Wall

ST

“ To all my cousins, children and grandchildren of this great lady, know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. I pray the good memories and love you all received from her, replaces the void I know you feel.

I can't think of a time she didn't make me smile within 5 seconds of seeing her. Just thinking of her makes me smile today. She was one of a kind, and all of us were blessed to have the time with her that we did.

I'm also reminded of her every time Stephanie changes the subject of a conversation with no warning. Matter of fact, I tell her, you just pulled a Ruby Dean..

Love y'all and hope to see you soon.

Steve, Stephanie, Blake and Mallory Ward

Steve - February 15, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Ward.



February 14, 2018 at 03:22 PM

SS

“ Staff of Jackson-George Regional Library System purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruby Ward.



Staff of Jackson-George Regional Library System - February 14, 2018 at 10:25 AM

BG

“ Lori,
May God's peace be with you and your family.
- the Guyton's

Brenda Guyton - February 13, 2018 at 05:32 PM

LB

Thank you, Brenda! Love you!

Lori Barnes - February 17, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Ruby Ward.



February 12, 2018 at 09:25 PM

RW

“ Mrs. Ruby used to make a bee line to me after church to tell me
how her great-grandson Alex had done at the goat shows. I never
told her that I already knew how Alex had done. It was a shared
thing that we had. She was so very proud of Alex.....was proud of all
of her grand kids but she knew that I would have an understanding
of his accomplishments. I looked forward to talking with her.
Beautiful woman inside and out.

Rebecca White - February 12, 2018 at 08:51 PM

EB

“ May God grant you great grace. Elder Freddy and Ella Boen

Elder Freddy Boen - February 12, 2018 at 05:59 PM

KW

“ Richard, Pete, Sandra and Lori...I have so many fond memories of times spent with all of you and your mom and dad. We have a lot in common; especially, when it comes to our mothers. There's no greater blessing in this life than having the love from a wonderful mother like yours. Aunt Ruby and all of you, will always be special too me. I pray you find comfort and peace in the days too come.
Love, Kevin Ward and family

Kevin Ward - February 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM

LB

Thank you, Kevin! We had wonderful times with our families growing up. Keep us all in your prayers but especially our Dad as he is lost.
Love you!

Lori Barnes - February 13, 2018 at 06:32 PM

DB

“ Donna Ward Bradford lit a candle in memory of Ruby Ward



Donna Ward Bradford - February 11, 2018 at 05:50 PM

DD

“ Dianne Ward Daniel lit a candle in memory of Ruby Ward



Dianne Ward Daniel - February 11, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ruby Ward.*



February 11, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruby Ward.*



February 11, 2018 at 01:52 PM