



Shirley Ann Francois (Miller) Walters

August 4, 1944 - October 11, 2022

Shirley “Ann” Francois (Miller) Walters, age 78, of Laurel, Mississippi left this world peacefully for her heavenly home the morning of Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Ann was born in Eunice, Louisiana on August 4, 1944 to John Burtman Francois, and Vergie Thompson Francois. She moved to Laurel in 1969 with her late husband Rodney James Miller Sr., where they lovingly raised their three children, Tina Miller Murphy (Dale) of Laurel, Rodney James Miller Jr., (Dodie) of Sharon, and Kimber Miller Pittman (David) of Madisonville, Louisiana. Mrs. Walters worked for many years at the Laurel Eye Center and upon their closing, worked at Laurel Ear, Nose and Throat. She thought very highly of all of the physicians she worked for through the years, and was always a bright light at the front desk to all of her sweet patients. Ann was also a makeup and beauty consultant through the years. Each and every person that she encountered through all of her life was always made to feel special. Ann could light up any room, and could brighten anyone’s day with her vibrant and welcoming smile, and her kindness was beyond compare. That smile and her ability to show her special love never left her throughout her years’ long battle with Vascular Dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Mrs. Walters was blessed to find love again after losing her late husband, and married her current husband, Bobby Lavelle Walters on August 8, 2008. Mr.

Walters has stood lovingly by her side and has cared for her at their home, with the assistance of her primary sitter and caregiver, Ms. Pat Tew Walters as she was under the care of Deaconesses Hospice. Her family is forever grateful for “Maw Pat,” and all of those who did their very best to take care of Ann throughout this most difficult journey.

Ann loved her step-daughters Karon Walters Harrison (Bennie) of Mobile, Alabama and Pamela Kay Bullock (Marty) of Ellisville, and their children and grandchildren as her own. Her love for all of her family and her friends was immeasurable.

Mrs. Walters was preceded in death by her parents John Burtman Francois and Vergie Thompson Francois, husband Rodney James Miller Sr., sister Glenda Lee Rich, and brother Carl Burtman Francois (Elaine), sister-in-law, Wanda Miller Marshall, and brother-in-law, Charles Miller. She always said the Miller family were not in-laws, they were her brothers and sisters.

She has left behind two brothers, Eugene Francois (Eva) and Dale Francois (Jan) and one sister Nancy Finstad (Peter), in-laws, Norma Miller Sonnier, L. G. Miller (Debbie), Bruce Miller (the late Yvonne Miller), Reno Miller Cambre (Steve), Bernard Miller (Robin) and Terry Miller Comeaux, her beautiful grandchildren Lauren Ellzey Scott (Grant), Zachary Murphy (Trichi), Katelyn Ellzey Bryant (Landon), Emily Miller Parker (Tyler), Erin Elizabeth Scoggin (Tom), Garrett Harrison (Mackenzie), Dawson Miller Pittman, Bryce Murphy, Cameron Harrison, Zachary Pittman, Mia Claire Pittman, and Kayla Hamil. She also leaves precious great-grandchildren Charlie Guy Bryant, Clark Murphy, Sara Lillie Murphy, Nolan Harrison, Aiden Harrison, William Kace Parker, Sadie Kate Scott, and Kip James Parker. Ruby Lee Scoggin is set to make her grand entrance into this world on February 8, 2023.

Ann also leaves behind many family members and many friends who all love

her, and will miss her deeply. She never met a stranger. Her legacy of love and kindness will always live on through her family that she loved “bigger than the world.”

We ask that you would join our family for a Celebration of Life for her on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Franklin United Methodist Church; 805 Northview Drive in Laurel. Pink became a very special color throughout her illness, so please join us in wearing your favorite pink attire in her honor. We hope that you all can join us to celebrate her most special and beautiful life, and to share precious memories with us. There will be a private burial with her immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you would please make a donation in her honor to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601, or donations can be made directly to Franklin United Methodist Church in Laurel. Ann and her husband Lavelle always enjoyed making sure their Church grounds were kept beautiful, especially every Spring. This will also be a very special way to honor her most precious memory. Whether it was working in her yard, fitting someone for contacts, or applying makeup for young ladies, Ann always found joy in making the things around her and the people around her look and feel special. Her heart and her presence were truly one of a kind. She will always hold an extra special place in the hearts of all of those whose lives she touched.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Franklin United Methodist Church
805 Northview Drive
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

JS

“ My name is Jolynn Stanfield, my dad has been thinking about his friend Shirley Walter from Laurel Mississippi but lost her contact info. Tonight I helped him look her up by her name in Laurel Mississippi. He was devastated what we found. Please call me so we can confirm this is his friend Shirley, she worked for my dad at Stanfield and Associates. So sorry for your loss our condolences. My number is 832-286-5229

Jolynn Stanfield - December 29, 2022 at 08:02 PM

ER

“ Sorry for your loss. Jolene Rahaim

Eddie Rahaim - October 22, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Francois (Miller) Walters.



October 14, 2022 at 10:44 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends during these days. Ann was such a sweet, kind person.

Amy and Phil Williams - October 13, 2022 at 03:38 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Landrum lit a candle in memory of Shirley "Ann" Francois (Miller) Walters



Carolyn Landrum - October 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DF

“ Mrs. Ann always had the most beautiful smile. She radiated happiness 😊. Prayers for family.

Donna farrar-Smith - October 12, 2022 at 10:49 PM

CB

“ Her beauty was like nothing I'd ever seen nor have I ever seen to this day. Her soul was so sweet and her smile will never leave my heart. I love you Aunt Anne. Goodbye



christie Boudreaux - October 12, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Francois (Miller) Walters.



October 12, 2022 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ I will always remember Anne as a woman of adoration. There wasn't a person that ever crossed her path, that she didn't make you feel so adored.adoringlyshe lived Life.... She could make you feel so beautiful ,so lovely ,so special and one of a kind, in her lovingly adoring way she was magical... I can just about imagine her entering heaven's portals, she is thinking and saying look at the wonderful job you have done in heaven what a beautiful place you have made for us all.. and now she's going to watch over all of her children making sure everybody is loved and everybody is adored and everybody is safe.. I wish we could have had a conversation just one more time before she left us, just so I could tell her how beautiful she is and how much I love her... You will be greatly missed Ann by everyone...love your cousin ❤️ Judy Pedigo

Judy Pedigo - October 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM

RC

“ I always referred to Ann as my "other mother".. she (at the age of 23) and Rodney, accepted me into their home and treated me as their own. Looking back now, that had to be a very hard thing to do, as I was 13 years old.... I always told her how much I appreciated and loved her ..love you always..

Reno Cambre - October 12, 2022 at 04:04 PM

JR

“ Ms. Ann was always such bright light any time I was around her. Our paths have crossed many times throughout my life. Most recently at Franklin UMC, where she came to see me in the nursery each Sunday to tell me which Grands and Great-grands she had seen or talked to that week. Jan Duffy Ruffin

Jan Ruffin - October 12, 2022 at 11:54 AM