



Shirley Faye James Darnell

November 9, 1942 - May 6, 2025

Shirley Faye James Darnell was born on November 9, 1942 in Mize, MS and joined her husband of 58 years in heaven on May 6, 2025.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Alvin Darnell Jr.; an infant son; father, Ed James; mother, MayLoney Tanner Johnson; brothers, Howard James, Ray James, and Nelson James; sisters, Willie Mae Johnson and Vernell Carter; and niece, Gail Daniel.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Missy Bounds (John) and Annette Darnell; son, Shaun Darnell (Christie); brothers-in-law, Virgil Darnell (Sandra) and Wayne Darnell (Cathy); sister-in-law, Sharon Hale; grandsons, Austin Bounds (Brittney), and Dax and Knox Darnell; and honorary granddaughter, Katie Oster (Patrick). Also surviving are her great-grandchildren, JT Bounds, Riley, Leala, and Lydia Kitchens; honorary great-grands, Aubrey Sherman and Stetson Oster; and a host of special nieces and nephews.

Shirley dedicated her life to serving others. From serving the town of Sandersville through various clubs and organizations, to her many years of service to the Shriners Children's Hospitals alongside her husband, Alvin. Shirley was the first to show up to help those in need, usually with a casserole in tow.

Shirley loved cooking and she showed her love through her food. She loved her flowers, she loved hummingbirds, she loved her friends and family, but most of all, she loved her grandchildren and they were so blessed beyond measure to have her as their Grandmother.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel (Laurel, MS) Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and service at Memory Chapel, Friday, May 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow at Sandersville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Buchanan, Cam Hale, Aiden Lovino, Connor Hale, Joseph Seymour and Devon Polanski.

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

Cemetery Details

Sandersville Baptist Church Cemetery

417 N Front St
Sandersville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 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
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AR

“ So sorry to hear of this. She was such a sweet person and will surely be missed. Praying for the family.

*David & Angela Rudolph
Nell Gieger*

Angela Rudolph - May 13, 2025 at 01:22 PM

KW

“ Shirley. You were one of the sweetest friends and such a wonderful lady. I will sure miss you at my upcoming garden party. It won't be the same without you admiring my flowers and sharing them with you. I will always love you . See you up there. Love, Karen. 💔. 🌹

karen walters - May 09, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Jeremy Malone lit a candle in memory of Shirley Faye James Darnell



Jeremy Malone - May 09, 2025 at 10:00 AM

LB

“ Missy, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I enjoyed knowing her and being around her. Our sympathy and prayers. Bro. Bill and Linda Boulton, Heidelberg MS.

Linda Boulton - May 09, 2025 at 12:26 AM

JO

“ JCSD Business Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Faye James Darnell.

JCSD Business Office - May 08, 2025 at 10:02 PM

JO

“ JCSD Business Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.



JCSD Business Office - May 08, 2025 at 10:02 PM

LF

“ Laura Wilborn and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.



Laura Wilborn and family - May 08, 2025 at 06:25 PM

LF

“ Laura Wilborn and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Faye James Darnell.

Laura Wilborn and family - May 08, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Faye James Darnell.

May 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.*



May 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Celeste Cummings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.*



Celeste Cummings - May 08, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.*



May 07, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Faye James Darnell.*

May 07, 2025 at 11:53 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Foreman and Suzanne Musgrove purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.



Jennifer Foreman and Suzanne Musgrove - May 07, 2025 at 08:58 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Shirley was a very kind person.

Lela Bynum - May 07, 2025 at 05:51 PM

DF

“ Debra & Shannon Clemmons & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.



Debra & Shannon Clemmons & Family - May 07, 2025 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ The Holifield & Maggard Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Faye James Darnell.



The Holifield & Maggard Family - May 07, 2025 at 03:35 PM