



Sylvia Joyce Breland

August 21, 1936 - May 26, 2026

Ms. Sylvia Joyce Allen Yarbrough Breland passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at the age of 89. Ms. Breland was born on August 21, 1936, in Taylorsville, MS.

To many, she was Sylvia, Mrs. Breland, a coworker, or a friend—but to those who loved her most, she became simply “Nanny,” which remained one of her most cherished titles.

After losing their mother at a young age, Sylvia and her seven siblings learned early the importance of family, resilience, and caring for others. Throughout her life, she embraced many different roles, working as a cosmetologist, homemaker, dental assistant, and Licensed Practical Nurse. Even during retirement, she enjoyed assisting in the office at the Jones County Health Department. She valued helping people, staying connected to her community, and making herself useful wherever she was needed.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Hilmer Levi and Annie Lee (Sherman) Allen; four sisters; two brothers; and husbands, Hardy Yarbrough, Levon Breland, and Marvin “Ed” Moss.

She is survived by her daughter Debbie Nielsen and husband Ralph; granddaughter Mindy Creel and husband Jason; great-grandson Jase Creel,

all of Laurel; her brother, Roger Allen and his wife Kathy, of Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Comfort Care Nursing Center for the compassion, patience, and care shown during Sylvia's final years. Your kindness, support, and dedication brought comfort during a difficult time and are deeply appreciated.

Visitation will be held Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon with services immediately following at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. Pastor Mike West will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Jason Creel, Nathan Jefcoat, Noah Jefcoat, Brian Jordan, Lynn Morris, and Earl Yarbrough.

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

Cemetery Details

Taylor Cemetery

Indian Springs Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Service

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Henley lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Breland* ”



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